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lggy explains he had flat tire, not hangover



By Carla P. Gomez PDI Visayas Bureau

BACOLOD CITY-REP. Ignacie "Iggy" Arroyo Jr. yesterday said he had a flat tire on his way to the airport on Sunday but denied he had kept

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minister quits P25 wage increase

derided, applauded By Jerome Aning, Gil C. Cabacungan Jr. and Ronnel Domingo

MODERATE AND MILITANT LABOR GROUPS YESterday greeted with derision the P25 increase in the minimum wage earners in Metro Manila, but Malacañang and big business groups applauded it as

The Increase ordered by the Regional Tripartite

Impeach complaint filed amid uncertainty

By Michael Lim Ubac and Philip C, Tubeza

A CITIZEN-BACKED AFTEMPT IN Congress to unsent President Macapagal-Arroyo formally began yesterday with more than enough artists and professionals signing the impeachment complaint but with little indication that it would result in a trial.

House Minority Leader Francis Escudero and Rep. Ronaldo Zamora endorsed the citizens' complaint, giving the second impeachment move in two years against Ms Arroyo official cognizance in the House of Representatives.

But even in the opposition camp, there were doubts the move to oust the 59-year-old President would collect the required 79 signatures of congressmen to begin a trial in the Senate. There were fears this early that the complaint would killed-like the opposition initiative junked by Ms Arroyo's majority allies in the House last year.

"Sad to say, the opposition has not come up with a unified strategy on how to finally seal the success of the impeachment complaint," said Ilocos Norte Rep. Imee Marcos.

"Everybody seems to be singing a different tune," said the daughter of the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos. An opposition member, Imee Marcos failed to show up for the crucial vote last year on the impeachment complaint against the President that only got 51 votes.

Malacañang said it was not making a big deal out of the new

"We will just leave that to the President's lawyers and the members of the House of Representatives," said Ms Arroyo's political adviser, Gabriel Claudio, He said the House members would see in the new effort not only the "bereforess of any legal case against the President but also the harm and injustice that it will do to the rest of the country."

If there was any early consolation, it came with the official announcement by House Secretary General Roberto Nazareno that IMPEACH/ All

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Well done, Pope pats GMA on back



POPE BENEDICT XVI stands next to President Macapagal-Arrayo as he holds a copy of the law abolishing the death penalty in the Philippines during a private audience at the Vatican.

Congregations assail 'culture of fear, death'

By Christian V. Esguerra

MEMBERS OF MAJOR RELIGIOUS congregations have expressed alarm over the ceaseless killings of Pilipino political activists, journalists and church workers, saying the murders have bred "a culture of fear and death" in Asia's largest Roman

Catholic country.

"We cannot remain silent ... To remain silent is to allow the vicious cycle of violence to continue in our midst. We must seek to intervene to end this vicious cycle," the Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Commission said in a strongly worded state-

The commission is a desk of the Association of the Major Religious Superiors in the Philippines (AMRSP), which represents congregations such as the Dominicans, Franciscans, Benedictines, Jesuits, Augustinians, Salesians

ment released to the Inquirer yes- and Lasallian and Marist broth-

It voiced concern that the victims were being killed for their sociopolitical beliefs.

The commission was the latest major group to denounce the wave of killings, after similar CONGREGATIONS / A8

Cites death penalty abolition

By Armand N. Nocum

ROME (VIA PLDT)-A pat on the back and the words "well done" from Pope Benedict XVI more than made the day of President Macapagal-Arroyo, whose opponents political back home filed an impeachment complaint against her hours before she met with the Pontiff.

The President got the commendation from the leader of the world's 1.1 billion Catholics yesterday after she presented him with a copy of the law abolishing capital punishment in the Philip-

Ms Arroyo on Saturday signed the law abolishing the death penalty, a move which her critics believed was meant to gain brownie points with the Vatican and the European Union. (See related story on Page A3.)

Handing the Pope a marcon booklet with the presidential seal, Ms Arroyo told Benedict: "This is my second gift to you-the abolition of the death WELL DONE/ A6

3 Filipinos added to 'Nicole' ordeal, says witness

By Volt Contreras and Tarra V. Quismundo

ATTACTORNOE THE IMPEACHMENT complaint filed yesterday against President Mecapagal-Arroyo is practically a rehash of one lodged a year ago in the House of Representatives. It charged her with:

mally lodge a rape complaint against a group of US Marines, she encountered three Pilipinos who added to her ordeal-e woman doctor who sneered at her story, an eyewitness who initially denied having seen her, and a certain Ben Natividad who

BEFORE "NICOLE" COULD FOR-

asked her to "just accept payment" for her ordeal.

Anna Liza Franco, stepsister of the complainant in the Subic rape case, gave this testimony when she returned to the witness stand yesterday and delivered an outburst apparently aimed at the four accused American Marines.

"Why can't you look me straight in the eye? (Bakit di kayo makatingin ng straight?)" Franco,

She did not say who she meant, but she was easting dagger looks in the direction of Lance Corporals Daniel Smith, Keith Silkwood, Dominic Duplantis and Staff Sgt. Chad Carpentier, the four accused in the alleged rape inside a van at Subic Bay on Nov.

Pranco's remark was not a response to a question, but sounded

more like an expression of rage during her direct examination by

Nicole's lawyer, Evalyn Ursua. Franco had wept when she first testified on Friday, prompting Makati City Judge Benjamin Pozon to cut the proceedings

Her narration yesterday mainly dwelled on how her aister's case reached the desk of the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authori-

ty's Intelligence and Investigation Office (iIO) and later involved agents of the US Naval Criminal Investigation Service.

The 15th witness for the prosecution was the first to describe Nicole's body after the alleged rape: Franco recalled seeing Nicole with "concusions" on one arm and on her knees when she changed clothes at the IIO.



WARREN Buffett (left), Melinda French Gates and Bill Gates stand together after the historic donation was announced.

Buffett gives \$37B to charity

WARHEN E. BUFFETT, THE world's richest private founda- largest commitment to a philanworld's second richest man, is donating about \$37 billion of his fortune to a foundation run by Bill Gares, the richest man, and four other philanthropies run by members of the Buffett family starting July.

The donations represent a singular and historic act of charitable giving that vaults Buffett into the top tier of industrialists and entrepreneurs like Andrew Carnegie, John D. Rockefeller Sc., Henry Pord, J. Paul Getty, W.K. Kellogg and Gates himself, whose fortunes have endowed some of the

Sunday's announcement by Buffett, the chair of Berkshire Hathaway Inc., came just days after Gates, the chair of Microsoft, said he would move away from his day-to-day role at

Buffett plans to give away 85 ercent of his fortune, or about \$37 billion, all in Berkshire stock. Of that amount, he will channel the greatest share, about \$31 billion, into the Bill &

the software giant to focus more

Melinda Gares Foundation. Buffen's donation is

thropic cause ever made by one person in the United States, according to Stacy Palmer, editor of the Chronicle of Philanthropy.

"Even if you look at what Rockefeller and Carnegie gave historically-even if you do it in today's numbers-it doesn't come close to that," Palmer said.

Buffett, 75, is worth an estimated \$44 billion, according to Forbes magazine, which ranks Gates, 50, as the world's richest man with a net worth of \$50 bil-

Buffett and Gates have be-**BUFFETT/ As**

on charity work.

experience mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. The rest of the country will have partly cloudy to at times cloudy skies with isolated rainshowers or thunderstorms.

Arroyos claim saints for allies

Armand N. Nocum

ROME, ITALY (VIA PLDT)-IN THE ONGOING battle of prayer between those who want the President Macapagal-Arroyo out and those who want her to stay in power, Ms Arroyo is said to have strong heavenly allies.

First Gentleman Jose Miguel "Mike" Arroya and Negros Occidental Rep. Ignacio "Iggy" Arroyo said St. Theresa of Avila and two other candidates for sainthood would be interceding for the besieged Arroyo administration.

The Arroyo brothers, interviewed by the INQUIRER on the plane en route to Rome, where the President is on an official visit slaimed that the Arroyo, Tuason and Pidal clans have three saints in the family.

"We pray to them in times of trouble," Mike said of St. Theresa of Avila, who he claimed, had a direct lineage to the Tuason and Arroyo clan of Avila, Spain.

Mike further claimed that two nujis, Maria Teresa Arroyo y Lac-son, and Rosario Arroyo y Pidal, were up for beatification in the Vatican.

Pamphlets provided by Juris Soliman of the Office of the First Gentleman showed that when the bodies of the Arroyo nuns were exhumed, they were found "izcorrupted." Both nuns were said to have led saintly lives.

According to the pamphlets, Mother Rosario was born in Molo, Iloilo City to "wealthy and pious parents Don Ignacio Arroyo (grandfather of Mike Arroyo) and Doña Maria Pidal."

Mother Rosario founded the Congregation of the Dominican Sisters of the Most Holy Rosary on Feb. 18, 1927. She died of heart failure in 1957 and was

buried in Molo cemetery. Maria Teresa, who died in Spain, was described by Iggy as the "sister of my father, Ignacio Arroyo, [so] she's a lot closer to

"We'll be adding a few more saints to our family," the congressman from Negros Occidental said on the possible beatification of the two nuns.

Asked whether it was through

the two saintly nuns that Ms Arroyo had managed to hang on to power and to survive a string of crises in her three-year administration, Iggy said: "I believe so. You know when you pray to beaven, you need a lot of intercession. The (saints) will intercede for you, God will enlighten you and help you."

Asked if the Arroyo family depended on divine intercession to help the President weather a political storm, Iggy said: "Not realby We leave it to God's will. He wills for everything to happen. Nothing happens if He does not will it. And that is one of the reasons why the President is still there because I think God really wants her to be there."

He added that the Arroyo family often prayed to St. Theresa and the two saintly nons hoping that people would understand that the President had to make unpopular decisions to make the lives of the Filipho better.

"It will be understood in time. Three years is not enough, especially for the projects and policies of the President to be realized and accomplished. We pray than people will understand our motives," iggy said.

And his prayers for the Presi-

We always ask that the President be enlightened [so she could] do good work... She's doing very well but in politics, there are always critics," he said.

He added that he was not sure if the beatification of the two Arroyo nuns would be discussed during the President's meeting with Pope Benedict XVI which was scheduled today.

In her week-long official trip to Rome and Spain, Ms Arroyo, who leads a 55-man delegation, will also meet with Italian President Georgio Napolitano, King Juan Carlos 1 and Queen Sonia of Spain and Spanish President Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero.



MOUNT Everest conquerors Erwin Pastor Emata and Leo Oracion climb Mt. Manaimon in San Miguel, Bulacan, Monday to dramatize campaign to save the Biak na Bato National Park.

FROM 29,035 FEET TO 525 FEET

'Ain't no mountain low enough'

By Carmela Reyes PDI Central Luxon Desk

DOÑA REMEDIOS TRINIDAD, Bulacan-Contrary to the popular song, for Mt. Everest conquerors Leo Oracion and Erwin Emara there "ain't no mountain low enough."

The two, who conquered the world's highest peak at 29,035 feet last month, joined 100 Bulacan officials and environmentalists in an easy trek up \$25-ft Mt. Manalmon in the Biak-na-Bato mountain range here on Monday.

It took Oracion and Emata 35 minutes to summit Manaimon,

one-and-a-half hours. It had taken the two several days to summit Everest and months before that to acclimatize themselves to the severe weather conditions.

Oracion, who climbed Biak-na-Bato for the third time, said the group was concerned about the environment and the protection of the country's mountain ranges.

"Our world is the mountain. Our life revolves around it, Biakna-Bato is not a simple mountain but a historical landmark," he

"Perhaps if Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo, who encamped here

today he would be very angry at the quarrying operations," he said, referring to the controversial operations of Rosemoor Mining and Development Corp. on Mt. Nabio, another peak in the Biak-ne-Bato mountain range.

At the end of the climb, the participants signed a declaration to protect the Biak-na-Bato national park and to put a stop to the mining activities in the area.

Marble quarrying operations at Biak-na-Bato had been ordered stopped by the courts for several

On Saturday, Environment marble boulders.

while it took the other trekkers during the revolution, were alive Secretary Angelo Reyes said he was simply carrying out a status quo order on Rosemoor's quarrying operations when he allowed the firm to transport the marble previously carved from the mountain out of the park for ex-

The status quo order would be in effect while government experts studied the legal aspects of Rosemoor's marble quarrying operations at the park.

Reyes said the order did not nullify the ore transport permit of Rosemoor that covered the hauling of almost 800 cubic meters of

Chief Cha-cha proponent admits Binay, JV 'winning' war

By Norman Bordadora

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THE CHIEF PROPONENT OF Charter change via a people's inirigrive may have met his match, or matches as it were.

Lawyer Raul Lambino of the prb-Cha-cha group Sigaw ng leaders Makati Mayor Jejomar Binay and San Juan Mayor JV Ejercito seemed to be winning the war over Cha-cha through the signature campaign.

Lambino said the only legislative districts where his group had failed to secure the signatures of three percent of the registered Bayan said yesterday opposition voters were in Makati and San

"I take my hat off to Mayor Binay and Mayor Ejercito. I guess they are just doing their jobs as opposition leaders and they are doing a good job of it," Lambino told the INQUIRER in a phone inter-

Under the 1987 Constitution, one of the modes for amending the Charter is a people's initiative

which requires the signatures of 12 percent of the registered vorers nationwide and three percent of the registered voters in each of the country's 213 legislative dis-

You miss one legislative district and you don't have a people's initiative," Lambino said. Lambino said Sigaw ng Bayan was about to meet the 12-percent registered voters nationwide and three-percent district voters requirement.

"We already have six million verified signatures, more than the 12 percent needed nationwide. But we have yet to reach the three percent needed in a few legislarive districts."

Asked what these districts were, Lambino said: "These include the two districts in Makati City and (the one in)

San Juan. "There are no other districts where we have yer to reach three percent," he added.

The Arroyo administration is pushing the people's initiative mode of amending the Constitution after it appeared Congress was not going to pull off the constituent assembly mode which would have seen its members sitting as delegates.

The constitutional convention mode would entail a separate election of delegates and would be the most expensive, its critics had claimed.

At stake is the shift to a parliamentary form of government and the lifting of certain economic and political provisions in the present Constitution.

Dayao NGO receives \$179,000 US grant

By Nikka Dizon

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNment has provided a grant of \$179,000 (P9.5 million) to help a Philippine non-governmental organization expand its baifway house operations to help victims of human trafficking.

US Ambassador Kristie Kenney signed the grant for the Visayan Forum Poundation (VFF) during her visit to the NGO's office in Dayao last Friday.

The grant aims "to help expand halfway house operations for victims of trafficking in persons," the US embassy said in a matement released over the weekend.

The American people have supported VFF's efforts through several grants over the past five years to support anti-trafficking efforts," the embassy said.

The VFF halfway homes were built by the Philippine Ports Authority in Manila, Davao City,

The embassy said these homes had provided protective services to victims of human trafficking, considered a modem-day slavery that includes forced prostitution, sex trafficking and child labor.

Only last month, the US removed the Philippines from its burnan trafficking watch list, citing the country's progress in addressing this global problem.

However, the US State Department's "Trafficking in Persons" report noted that the Philippines still remained a source, transit and destination for men, women and children trafficked for sex trade or forced inbor.

The Philippines was placed in the Tier 2 ranking of the report, which meant that the country had not fully complied with minimum international standards but was making significant efforts to combat human trafficking.



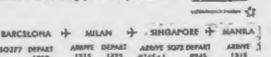
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GAY PRIDE MARCH

A member of Pro-Gay Philippines appeals for an end to homophobia during a march inside the UP Diliman campus Monday as part of the international celebration of Gay and Lusbian Pride March. AMPPLEON.

PNP to get P300M from anti-Red fund

By Luige A. del Puerto

THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POlice will get a sizable chunk—nearly a third—of the P1 billion allocated by the Arroyo administration to crush the communist insurgency in the countryside, officials said.

In a statement, the Department of Interior and Local Government said the PNP would get P300 million to "fortify soft targets or ill-equipped police stations."

Top police officials welcomed the fund, saying it would definite by boost the PNP's anti-insurgercy drive.

Deputy chief for administration Deputy Director General Oscar Calderon said it would also help fast-track the shift of the organization's role from support to a more direct hand in internal security operations or ISOs.

It is the Armed Forces of the Philippines that currently carries out ISOs.

The police had clamored for a bigger piece of the action against communist rebels after a series of raids by the New People's Army on their far-flung outposts.

Calderon said the police would discuss in the coming days how

best to use the fund.

"The bulk would most likely go to the most affected areas," he said, referring to places considered hotbeds of the communist

These include Central and Southem Luzon, the Mirnaropa (Mindoro, Marinduque, Romblon and Palawan) region, Bicol and the Caraga regions, and Samar province.

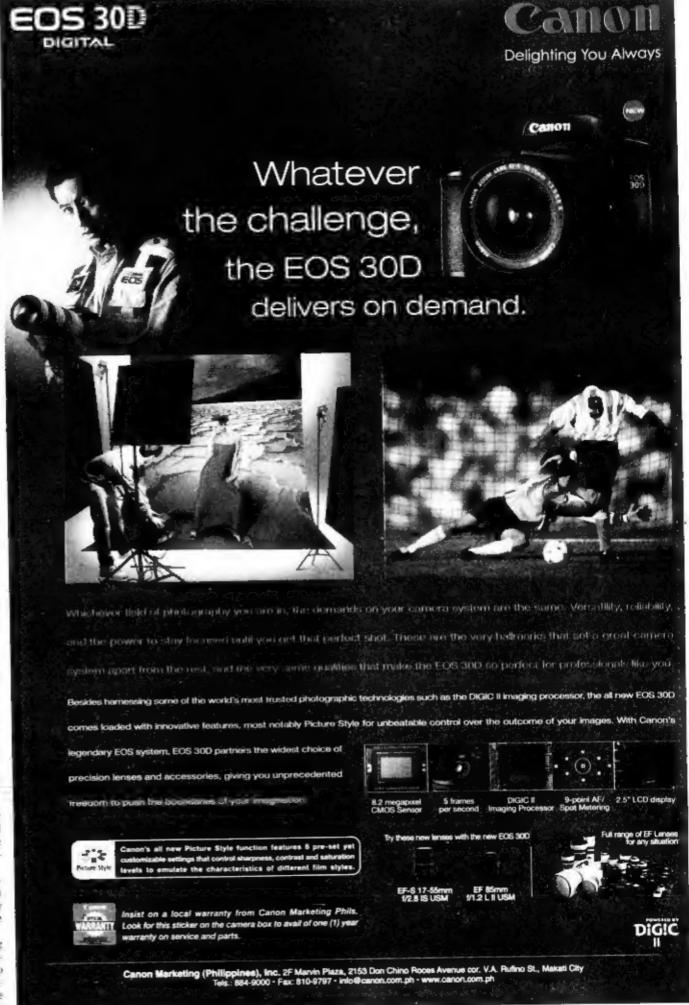
PNP spokesperson Senior Supt. Samuel Pagdilao said the money might be used to buy equipment that is "necessary to fight the insurgency."

He pointed out the police were equipped to light crime, not a re-

Police officials said the money could also be used to train special units like the Special Action Force and mobile groups to fight the in-

The paradigm shift in the police's role from support to direct involvement in internal security operations would entail intensive training, they said.

"After so many years of being out of the loop in the anti-insurgency (campaign), you have to do a lot of homework," said Director Vidal Querol, chief of the National Capital Region Police Office.



EU lauds RP decision to kill death penalty law

VIENNA, AUSTRIA

—The European
Union said Monday it
"warmly welcomes"
the Philippines' decision to abolish the
death penalty, calling
it a key step toward
greater human
rights.

President Macapagal-Arroyo signed legislation on Saturday outlawing capital punishment in the Philippines, and "the European Union strongly hopes that this decision will encourage other countries in the region to follow suit," the 25nation bioc sald in a statement.

"The Buropean Union considers that the abolition of the death penalty contributes to the enhancement of human dignity and the progressive development of human rights," said the statement issued by Austria, which holds the EU's rotating presidency.

The EU reaffirmed
"Its objective of
working toward the
universal abolition of
the death penalty."

Ms Arroyo is currently on a seven-day trip to Europe. AP



Outgoing AFP chief visits camps to bid troops farewell

By Dona Z. Pazzibugan

OUTGOING ARMED FORCES of the Philippines Chief of Staff Gen. Generoso Senga has begun his nostalgic exit calls on military camps around the country as he prepares to step down next month.

It is traditional for outgoing military chiefs to make a final round of the military camps, especially those they had been assigned to, to bid the troops

Senga's weekend trip to Western Command headquarters in Puerto Princesa City in Palawan with his family was part of the series of exit calls, the military spokesperson said.

"He's starting to make his rounds, his exit call on the troops," said Col. Tristan Kison, head of the AFP Public Information Office.

Wescom, Senga headed to Pagasa Island where he took part in a "boodle fight" or common lunch with the soldiers stationed

Pagasa is the island occupied by the Philippines in the disputed Spratlys island chain in the South China

Senga has also visited the 701st Infantry Brigade based in Davao, where he served as brigade commander before being pulled out by then AFP chief of staff Angelo Reyes to serve as the military spokesperson in

Senga is expected to continue his rounds in the coming

As part of another tradition, Senga has also started paying farewell calls on his counterparts in the Association of Asian Nations Southeast (Asean).

He has made visits to Brunei, Vietnam and China, one of Asean's dialogue part-



ly 21 when be reaches the mandatory retirement age of 56. He would have served as AFP chief of staff for less than a year, having assumed the post last Aug. 15.

It is possible President Macapagal-Arroyo would extend his term.

Senga's predecessor, Gen. Efren Abu, was supposed to retire on June 24, 2005, but his term was extended for two months after the "Helio Garci" controversy exploded and threw the administration into disarray.

Despite the extra two months, however, Abu was not able to satisfactorily lay to rest the issue of the military's alleged involvement in the rigging of the 2004 elections in favor of Ms Ar-

Senga is likewise stepping down with the same issue still hanging over the military, after the so-called Mayuga report on the involvement of ranking military officers in the alleged election fraud was kept from the public.

The wiretapping of the President and former Election Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano allegedly conducted by the military intelligence service also was never investigated. The alleged plot by elite military units to withdraw support from Ms Arroyo last Feb. 24 also re-Senga will step down on Ju- mains unresolved.

FOCUS ON CEBU, LANAO DEL SUR

De Castro, Legarda jointly ask SC to stop recount of Pampanga votes

By Cynthla D. Balana.

VICE PRESIDENT NOLI DE CASTRO AND PORmer Sen. Loren Legarda yesterday jointly asked. the Supreme Court, sitting as the Presidential. Electoral Tribunal, to suspend the recount of the votes for vice president from Pampanga in the 2004 elections so they could focus on the ballots from Cebu and Lanao del Sur.

A joint motion to suspend the revision proceedings was filed by De Castro's lawyer, Romulo Macalintal, before the PET Legarda's lawyer, Sixto Brillantes, told the Inquiren he did not object so as not to waste his client's time and money.

"It was not our proposal but attorney Macalintal's. We did not pose any objection. It's better that we show a substantial recovery of votes in Cebu first, and we are hoping to recover at least 300,000 votes there," Brillantes

He said that if Legarda failed to recover at least 300,000 votes in Cebu alone, then he would recommend that she drop her election protest against De Castro.

"It would be a very expensive exercise for Legarda to move further if that happened but we are confident that we would be able to achieve that [recover the votes]." Brillantes said, noting that De Castro's 800,000 vote lead over Legarda had primarily come from

Last week, Macalintal asked the PET to make a partial determination on the election protest filed by Legarda based on the results of the revision of ballots in Cebu and the re-canvass of election returns in

Brillantes said that Legarda had agreed to withdraw her protest over at least six munici-



FRIENDLY FOES. Lawyers Romulo Macalintal and Sixto Brillantes meet the press shortly after filing a joint motion to suspend revision proceedings at the Supreme Court,

palities of Lanao del Sur whose election returns were missing and could not be produced by the House of Representatives which had custody of the documents.

In their joint motion, Brillantes and Macalintal said: "It is respectfully prayed that a partial determination of the instant protest be made based on the results of the revision of the ballots from the province of Cebu and the results of the re-canvass of election returns of Lanao del Suc'

They also asked that a preliminary hearing

termination of the protest.

Legarda has said electoral fraud was committed in 3,769 precincts in the provinces of Lanao del Sur, Lanao del Norte and Surigao

She said fraud also occurred in 13,293 precincts in Cebu, which also gave President Macapagal-Arroyo her big margin over the late actor Fernando Poe Jr. Legarda was Poe's running mate. She earlier said she should have won over De Castro by at least 1.1 million votes. With Leila B.

DepEd forms probe team to investigate Palaro cheats

THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (DepEd) central office has formed its own team to investigate the alleged anomalies in the last

Education Officer in Charge Fe Hidalgo said Undersecretaries Franklin Sunga and Antonio Inocentes had been tasked to head the investigative team composed of other lawyers

The team will probe allegations that some teams had fielded players who were overaged

and that some names in the players' roster had been substituted.

Hidalgo recently signed DepEd Memorandum No. 207 which created the team.

"While the organizing committee is undertaking an investigation into the alleged anomalies during the games, this office shall as well benefit from an independent inquiry that ensures a thorough and objective investigation into the matter," Hidalgo said in the

The panel will take a second look at the documents submitted by the players, including their birth certificates, to determine their real and exact age. Members of the team will also interview students, parents and all those involved in the alleged cheating as part of its data gathering.

Representatives of all those involved and members of media will be invited to observe the conduct of the investigation.

The team has been directed to submit its ndings to Hidalgo not later than June 30.

Controversy broke during the Palarong Pambansa when parents of players in the National Capital Region team complained that some of the players in Calabarzon and Eastern Visayas teams were overaged.

The parents sent Hidalgo a letter of complaint about the cheating.

Later, the mother of one of the Calabarzon baseball players reportedly admitted on national TV that her son was already 19 years old, six years over the age limit in the elementary division.

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Tuesday, June 27, 2006 12th Week in Ordinary Time Cyril of Alexandria

1st Reading: 2 K 19:9-11, 14-21, 31-35,

Matthew 7:6, 12-14

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not give what is holy to the dogs, or throw your pearls to the pigs: they might trample on them and even turn on you and tear you to pieces.

So, do to others whatever you would that others do to you: there you have the Law and the Prophets.

Enter through the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many go that way, How narrow is the gate that leads to life and how rough the road; few there are who find it." Commentary

History impinges on Israel, and the king who has not repented prays for deliverance. But Isaiah sends word to the king that God has heard his prayer for now and that there will be a remnant that lives to honor God, but it is the zeal of the Lard that does this, not the king or his army. God shields the city for the sake of those who have been faithful in the past. Jesus too is pushing his disciples to be wary of the ways of the world and to keep the treasure he shares with them from those who would not appreciate it and would destroy it. The way we are offered is through a narrow gate (Jesus and the cross) but it begins with treating others as you would be treated in those circumstances. We do live in history.

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The Philippine Electricity Market Corporation gives notice that the structure and level of the market fees for the Philippine Wholesale Electricity Spot Market (the "WESM") was approved by the Energy Regulatory Commission In Rs Decision dated 22 June 2006 in ERC Case No. 2005-048 RC entitled fin the Matter of the Application for the Approval of the Structure and Level of Market Fees for the Philippine Wholesale Electricity Spot Market".

This Notice is made pursuant to the requirements of publication under Section 9, Rule 9 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the Electric Power Industry Reform Act of 2001.

As approved, the market fees for the WESM are as follows:

1. Market Registration Fees shall be imposed upon all WESM participants in an annual fixed tee rate of Php 50,000.00 and variable fee to cover additional registration requirements of the market participants;

2. Market Transaction Fees in the amount of Php 433,624,276.00 to cover the budgetary requirements of the WESM for CY 2006.

The total amount of Market Transaction Fees will be apportioned among the generators participating in the WESM according to the volume of their scheduled transactions using the following rate:

Total Annual Market Transaction Fees (Php)/12

Total Generation Metered Quantity for the month (kWh)

The resulting rate shall be multiplied by the total metered quantily of each generator to arrive at their market lees payable.

A copy of the Decision may be downloaded at the ERC website at www.erc.gov.ph or from the Market Information website at www.wesm.ph or from the Philippine Electricity Market Corporation, 18th Floor, Robinsons Equitable Tower, ADB Avenue, Ortigas Center, Pasig City.

SC upholds Palace authority over **Diwalwal mines**

By Leila B. Salaverria

THE SUPREME COURT HAS ruled that the executive branch has full control of the mining operations in the Diwalwal Mineral Reservation Area.

Several mining corporations had staked a claim on the area, but the high court said these claims were rendered moot with the issuance of Proclamation 297 in 2002, which declared 8,100 hectares in Monkayo, Compostela Valley, as a mineral reservation and an environmentally critical area.

After proclamation was issued, the environment secretary declared an emergency in the Diwalwal gold rush area and had mining operations stopped.

The issue on who has priority right over the disputed area is deemed overtaken by the above subsequent developments," the Supreme Court said in its 32-page decision. "It is now up to the executive department whether to take the first option, i.e., to undertake directly the mining operations of the Diwalwal Gold Rush Area."

The high tribunal also said that the state could not be stopped from directly taking over the mines "If it is the only plausible remedy in sight to the gnawing complexities generated by the gold rush."

The government could also award the mining operations to private entities, including Apex Mining Company and the Balite Communal Portal Mining Cooperative that earlier said they had rights over the area, the Supreme Court ruled. "The exercise of this prerogative lies with the Executive Department over which courts will not interfere."

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(MMC) or its subsidiary, Southeast Mindanao Gold Mining Corporation (SEM), since Apex was the first to record mining claims in the area.

Nevertheless, MMC bad been granted an exploration permit for

Balite, on the other hand, said its presence in the small-scale mining areas had entitled it to file a mineral production tharing agreement (MPSA). It added that its application for an MPSA should be given preference over that of SEM.

Meanwhile, the high tribunal partially reversed a Court of Appeals decision which voided the transfer of the MMC's exploration permit in Mt. Diwalwal to SEM in

The transfer was void because the permit was for the exclusive use of MMC or its duly authorized agents. The high court said SEM had not proven that it was MMC's duly authorized agent.

"SEM did not claim nor submit proof that it is the designated agent of MMC to represent the latter in its business dealings or undertakings. SEM cannot, therefore, be considered as an agent of MMC which can use EP 133 and benefit from it," the decision read.

The Supreme Court also said the exploration permit had expired on July 1994 and could not be renewed.

But the high tribunal upheld the appellate court's finding that the Department Administrative Order (DAO) 66 issued in 1991 by former Factoran Jr., declaring 729 hectares of the Agusan-Davao-Surigao Porest Reserve as open to small-scale mining, was illegal.

"The power to withdraw lands from forest reserves and to declare the same as an open area for mining operations resides in the President,"



PHILIP Piccio, head of the group Parents Enabling Parents, shows the checks received from former Congressman Mark Jimenez.

Planholders get 'MJ' checks

tion Inc. (PEPCI) distributed yesterday around 1,000 checks to qualified planholders of troubled pre-need firms.

The funds came from the P50-million donation of businessman and former Manila Rep. Mark Jimenez to PEPCI.

The checks were distributed at a fast food restaurant on Jupiter Street in Makati City that quickly filled up with about 100 planholders of the different pre-need firms like College Assurance Plan, Pacific Plans, The Professional Group and Platinum Plans.

The planhoiders came from all over Metro Manila and nearby provinces.

"Our dreams were shattered when these companies turned their backs on us. Now we are giving each other some hope that the edu-

THE PARENTS ENABLING PARENTS COALI- cation of our children will be continued so they can graduate. As parents, that's all we ever wanted," Philip Piccio, PEPCI president,

> from Metro Manila and nearby areas qualified for the money donated by Jimenez.

> In his remarks to the planholders before the distribution, Piccio told them to be "proactive" and defend their rights. "We must wake up and be counted. Join us in our fight for our children's education."

Piccio also appealed to other businessmen to help the planholders. "We are appealing to businessmen and to others to please help us help these people.

He said some 1.1 million students were still affected by the pre-need controversy. Alcain Papa

Cops poised to bust tax scam ring

By Luige A. del Puerto

THE POLICE ARE CLOSE TO BUSTING A SYNDIcate that has been allegedly defrauding the Bureau of Customs of millions of pesos in unpaid taxes.

The syndicate, according to officials, allegedly includes Customs officers, bank officers and brokers.

Police said they had evidence to prove that some importers were allegedly working with Customs officers by using credit certificates as payment for import duties.

These transactions had supposedly defrauded the government of P52 million in duties and taxes, the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group said in a statement.

The CIDG undertook a two-month investigation of the transactions upon the request of BOC-Enforcement and Security Service head Nestorio Gualberto.

Customs chief Napoleon Morales had deputized the CIDG to go after people behind the supposed anomalies, said Supt. Benjamin de los Santos.

"They paid using fake [tax credit] certificates, Piccio estimated about 600 planholders [and even used] validation machines. Then they erased the entries in the BOC's computer system to cover their tracks," De los Santos said.

"We are looking deep into the syndicate's maneuvering," he said, adding that the police investigation "will hit many people."

Last week, the police raided several stores in Metro Manila based on suspicions that the floor tiles being sold there had been illegally imported from China

The CIDG seized documents, computer terminals, hard disks, diskettes and compact discs, receipts and bank transaction records during the simultaneous raids.

Sue Bolante for fertilizer scam, Ombudsman urged

Environment Secretary Fulgencio TO SHOW THAT GOVERNMENT IS BENT ON rooting out corruption, Ombudsman Merceditas Gutierrez should prosecute agriculture officials implicated in the P728-million fertilizer fund scam, including Jocelyn "Joc-Joc" Bolante, senators said yesterday.

Senate Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel Jr. said the government's fresh anti-corruption campaign would come under a cloud of doubt if Bolante would be spared from crimi-

"The Ombudsman must take the next step to prosecute the suspects, suspend them [as the case may be], and cause their conviction. Otherwise, the announced drive of the President would amount to nothing," Pimentel said in a statement.

Bolante, former Agriculture undersecretary, had been tagged as the brains in the alleged mismanagement of the fertilizer fund in the run-up to the May 2004 presidential elec-

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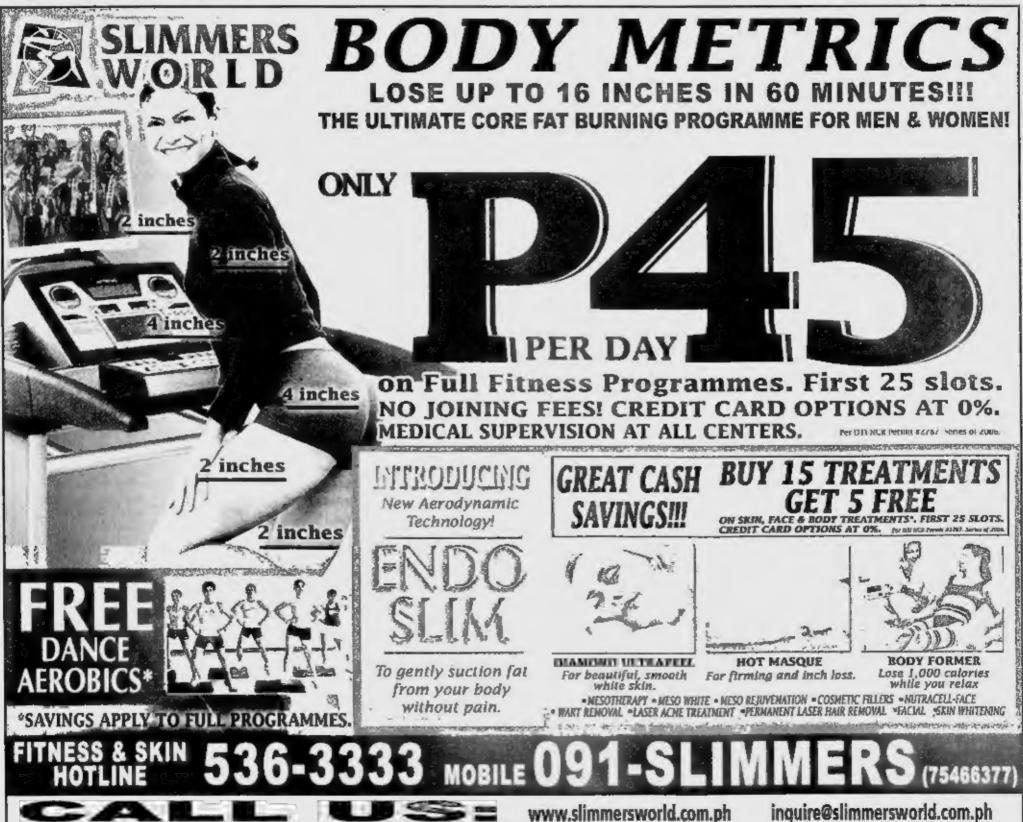
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He managed to skip the Senate inquiry into the scam by the agriculture committee, which had recommended to the Ombudsman the filing of criminal and administrative charges against Bolante and other current agriculture

Pimentel said he had received information that Bolante had flown into the country after several months of staying in the United States, "taking advantage of the current recess of Congress to evade an arrest order issued against him by the Senate."



'Well done,' Pope pats GMA on back

penalty law. These two gifts are the expressions of faith of the Filipino people."

Before giving the copy of the law abolishing the death penalty, Ms Arroyo gave the Pope a replica of a foot-high statue of Our Lady of Guidance, which she said was the oldest image of the Lady in the Philippines. The Lady is enshrined in Ermita, Manila.

In turn, the Pope presented Ms Arroyo and her delegation, made up mostly of family members, with coins of the Pontificate for the men and for the women, he gave rosaries with a prayer which was written by the Pope himself. The prayer was titled "The Love of the Lord."

Blessing

Ms Arroyo emerged from her 20-minute talk with the Pope claiming that she had virtually gotten his blessing for the way she ran the government and for pursuing policies in line with Catholic

"The Pope is very supportive and en-· couraging," she said, adding that a big part of the talk was about the situation in the Philippines.

"He loves the Philippines and is happy about our policies, which are attuned to the teachings of the Church," Ms Arroyo said in an interview with government television station NBN 4.

She said these policies included the abolition of the death penalty law, the nonpassage of the divorce law, and the preferential option for the poor.

Ms Arroyo noted that the Pope led their conversation and that he was very knowledgeable about and interested in what was happening in the Philippines.

Meddling

I'm encouraged by his comments. He - knows about issues in the country. It's very inspiring and he's very supportive of our policies and our work for the poor," the President said as she revealed that she had invited the Pope to visit the

The Pope does not look kindly on the alleged meddling of the Church in Philip-



PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo is welcomed by Archbishop Frambo, Vatican representative, upon her arrival at the Clampino Airport in Rome.

been the targer of criticisms from certain ty," the President said. Filipino bishops.

She said she got this impression after she received a copy of an encyclical on the Church and justice which, according to her, spoke of "the role of the Church in the search for justice."

It also "clearly proposes a good relationship between the Church and State,"

Option for the poor

The encyclical clearly stated that the "Church should avoid politicking in its actions. It should help uplift the pine affairs, said Ms Arroyo, who has plight of the poor and eradicate pover-

Ms Arroyo said the government was already helping the Church accomplish its "preferential option for the poor."

The President, who wore a black dress, was accompanied by the First Gentleman, Rep. Ignacio Arroyo, Foreign Secretary Alberto Romulo and his wife Lovely Rose, and Leonida Vera, Philippine ambassador to the Holy See.

Dato Arroyo; a son of the President, his wife Victoria and their daughter Eva Victoria were also part of the delegation.

Also accompanying them were Gina de Venecia, wife of Speaker Jose de Venecia, and Juris Soliman, the chief of staff

of the First Gentleman.

The President was welcomed during a brief ceremony by Swiss Guards and officials of the Vatican led by Archbishop James Fowley.

The Pope initially met the delegation at the room of Saints Peter and Paul, with the President greeting him: "Hello, Holy Father."

To that, the Pope replied: "Welcome, ir's an honor." Following a brief photo session, the

Pope and Ms Arroyo repaired to the Papal Library for their meeting, which last-

The President's delegation with Filipino journalists in attendance were not allowed to enter the room where the Pope and Ms Arroyo had their conversa-

Sainthood

Hours before the meeting, Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said the sainthood of two Pilipinos and the designation of more cardinals in the Philippines were expected to be raised by Ms Arroyo in her audience with the Pope.

"We have two pending applications for sainthood. We have already bearified Mother Ignacia and Pedro Calungsod. Maybe she will work for the sainthood of the two beatified Filipinos," Burrye told reporters.

The Philippines already has a saint, Lorenzo Ruiz, who was canonized on Oct. 18, 1987, during the papacy of John Paul IL, predecessor of Benedict XVI. Ruiz. was a missionary tortured and killed in Japan in 1637.

Calungsod was beatified on March 5, 2000. Calungsod, a teenage helper of the Jesuits, was murdered in Guam in 1672.

Ignacia was the founder of the RVM (Religious of the Virgin Mary) congregation. She, however, had not yet been bearified, according to the RVM website.

Bunye expressed surprise at the revelation of First Gentleman Mike Arroyo that the President was also working for the beatification of two nuns from the Tuason and Arroyo clans of Iloilo. (See story on Page A2.)

"She (also) will take up the naming by the Pope of more cardinals in the Philippines because if we consider the fact that the Philippines is the biggest Catholic country in Asia, proportionately we should have more cardinals in the College of Cardinals," Bunye said.

The Philippines has three cardinais-Gaudencio Rosales of the Archdiocese of Manila, Ricardo Vidal of the Archdiocese of Cebu and Jose Sanchez, Emeritus of Rome.

Ms Arroyo arrived in the Eternal City at 6 p.m. on Sunday with the intention of advancing the country's religious and economic interests in a weeklong official trip to Europe.

Iggy explains he had flat tire, not hangover

Macapagal-Arroyo weiting and that he had delayed her flight to Rome.

Iggy Arroyo told the Inquirer in a phone interview from the Italian capital that his sister-in-law had met with her Cabinet at the Presidential Lounge of the Ninoy Aquino International Airport and had just boarded the plane when

He said a tire on his Ford Expedition blew along Edsa and he did not have security escorts to fix it or a separate vehicle to

whisk him to Naia.

"I called to let them (President Arroyo's staff) know at the airport that I had a flat tire and that if I could not make it to just leave. me," he said.

Airline and airport sources told the INQUIRER that the President waited for more than five minutes for her brother-in-law inside Philippine Airlines Flight PR-001, delaying the departure of the 133-member presidential party on a seven-day European

Protocol dictates that the Presi-

dent should always be the last passenger to board the aircraft on official trips.

In fact, the departure ceremonies for the President at the Naia gallery were over and the government officials who had seen her off were already returning to the terminal's presidential lounge when iggy Arroyo jar-

Witnesses said the SS-year-old congressman from Negros Occidental looked like he was nursing a hangover after a night of merrymaking when he staggered into

the airport. His hair was described as disheveled, his eyes bloodshot and his left pants leg was tucked into a sock.

A staff member earlier said lggy Arroyo had a cold and had not been in good shape since Friday.

Common cold?

Explaining the red eyes, Iggy said he had slept late and he had "The next time I go with the President early in the morning maybe I should take a bath with goggles so my eyes don't get red,"

Iggy said be would be with the President's party later today for the meeting with Pope Benedict XVI at the Vatican.

The congressman, a magnet for presidential controversies like the First Gentleman, said the Arroyos had a connection to St. Therese of Avila and that the family had two relatives who were candidates for beatification. (See story on Page A2).

He did not say he might also be a candidate for sainthood, but he stressed that he had not been

drinking and had not done so for

'Glad you're here'

Iggy Arroyo said he arrived at the airport just after the President had gotten on the aircraft. "When she saw me she said, 'Glad you're here. How's the flat tire," he said.

Iggy also denied that his brother, First Gentleman Jose Miguel Arroyo, had barked at him, "Ikaw talaga" when he stepped inside

"In fact, he hugged me and said, 'Glad you could make it."

Buffett gives \$37B to charity

From page At

come extremely close business associates and bridge parmers since they met in 1991. Buffett also sits on the board of the Washington Post Inc. with Gates' wife

In a letter to the Gates couple, Buffett wrote: "You have committed yourselves to a few extraordinarily important but underfunded issues, a policy that I believe offers the highest probability of your achieving goals of great consequence."

Awed by decision

"We are awed by our friend Warren Buffett's decision to use his fortune to address the world's most challenging inequities, and we are humbled that he has chosen to direct a large portion of it to the Bill & Melinda Gazes Foundarlon," the Gares couple said in a statement on their foundation's

"Warren has not only an amazing intellect but also a strong sense of justice. Warren's wisdom will help us do a better job and make it more fun at the same time," the couple

Theirs is the largest US grant-making foundation, with current assets of almost \$30 billion, and Buffett's massive contribution may permanently solidify that philanthropy's standing as the biggest and most influential organization of Its

The immense size of the Gates Foundation's assets as a result of the partnership also becomes apparent when compared with those of the second largest charitable foundation in the United States-the Ford 'Oracle of Omaha' noted for modest habits, shrewd stock picks

NEW YORK-ADMIRED AND EMULATED ex" he told Portune magazine in an interview. for his shrewd investment sense, US billionaire Warren E. Buffert has chosen a typically maverick approach in his surprise announcement to give away most of his vast

Buffert, 75, dubbed the "Oracle of Omaha" for his uncanny ability to pick profitable stocks and businesses, broke from the customary practice of other American tycoons who usually pour their wealth into foundations bearing the family name.

Buffett, the world's second richest man, said he would donate the bulk of his riches to a foundation run by the world's richest man, Bill Gates, and do so while he was still alive instead of after his death.

Similar to his investment philosophy, Buffett said he preferred trusting his money with a foundation that already had a successful track record instead of setting up a whole new organization that might not be

"Who wouldn't select Tiger Woods to take his place in a high-stakes golf game? That's how I feel about this decision about my mon-

Poundation with its endowment

of \$11.6 billion-and the UN

Educational, Scientific and Cul-

tural Organization (Unesco)

with its \$610-million budget for

Buffett's first gift of \$1.5 bil-

lion to the Gates Poundation

would effectively double its an-

nual spending power. In 2005, it spent \$1.36 billion to fighting

diseases, such as malaria and tu-

berculosis, in developing coun-

With his big glasses and preference for Cherry Coke, Buffett is known for his humble manner and modest tastes despite amassing billions as the mastermind and chief executive of his investment company Berkshire Hathaway

In contrast to high-rollers on Wall Street. Buffert still lives in his native Omaha, Nebraska, and continues to live in the same house that he bought in 1957.

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brary technology in the United

But Buffett's donation comes

with a significant catch. Buffett's

contribution will not be made all

at once, but rather in smaller an-

Buffett also wents all his

money to be distributed in the

year it is donated, not added to

Significant catch

nual increments.

The son of a stockbroker and member of Congress, Buffett reportedly bought his first shares on the stock market at the age of 11 and made a small profit. When the shares continued to rise after he sold them, he learned his first lesson of investing with a view to long-term value.

He ran his own investment partnership after receiving a master's degree in business from Columbia University, outsmarting the stock market by a dramatic margin. In 1965, Buffett purchased a troubled textile manufacturer, Berkshire Hathaway, gradually turning it into a

ture giving. Moreover, the distri-

imion could change in an as yet

before the entire sum is trans-

Gates couple in the policymaking

and administration of the foun-

powerhouse holding company based on his hands-off management style.

He has described himself as "wired at birth to allocate capital" and lucky enough to have lived in a rich society in which "enormous quantities of marketable securities were traded and were sometimes ridiculously mispriced."

Buffett's announcement came as a surprise, too, because he had previously indicated his fortune would be donated to charity after his death.

But the passing of his wife, Susan, in 2004, prompted Buffett to change his mind because he had assumed she would outlive him and handle the transition to philan-

Buffert told Portune that he and Susan had always planned to give their money to charity, saying they shared the view of a philanthropist from another era, Andrew

"In that, we agreed with Andrew Carnegie, who said that huge fortunes that flow in large part from society should in large part be renumed to society," he said.

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to about \$31 billion. Buffett will also donate about \$6 billion in Berkshire stock to

three separate foundations each run by one of his three children, and the Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation, which is named after Buffert's late wife.

Buffert plans to give the foundations 5 percent of his total pledge each year in July for the rest of his life.

Buffett took over Berkshire in 1965 and transformed it from a struggling textile maker into a \$141.8-billion company with investments in undervalued securities and purchases of well-managed, easy-to-understand businesses.

Its stock investments include blue-chip names such as Coca-Cola Co. and Procter & Gamble Co. Berkshire also owns about 50 businesses, including Geico auto insurance, Benjamin Moore paint and Dairy Queen ice cream.

Change of mind

Buffett had previously Insisted that he would wait until his death before making a sizeable charitable bequest. But he told Fortune magazine that the death of his wife Susan In 2004, his admiration for the Gates couple and his certainty about how to dispose of his wealth caused him to "get going" now.

Buffett's health has been the subject of speculation. He has said a succession plan is in place at Berkshire but has refused to name a successor.

"My doctor tells me that I um in excellent health, and I certainly feel that I am," Buffett wrote in his letter to the Gates Poundation, adding he was writing a new will. Reports from the New York Times News Service, AP AFP and Reuters

Petroleum Geo-Services (PGS), a Norwegian

As soon as they were turned over to em-

bassy officials, Doctolero and Gajo were

given food, the ambassador said. The two

men would also undergo a debriefing and

consultations with an embassy team, he

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Citing the deputy speaker of the Rivers state parliament, Tonye Harry, who brought

the freed hostages to Port Harcourt, The

Guardian newspaper said "the action was

meant to attract attention to this breach by

The newspapers said PGS had not com-

mented on the matter. Nigerian authorities al-

so declined to comment on whether a ransom

Niger Delta region had claimed responsibility for abducting the Filipinos.

None of the separatist groups in the oil-rich

More than 3,000 Filipinos work in Nigeria,

The abduction of Doctolero and Gajo was

the latest in the string of kidnappings and as-

saults on foreign workers in the Niger Delta.

where militants fighting for control of the re-

gion's vast oil resources had warned workers

was paid to free the hostages.

according to the DFA.

By Nildto Dizon

RELEASED FILIPINO OIL WORKERS IN NIGErie Joseph Doctolero and Pacifico Gajo will be returning home to the Philippines within the

But Department of Poreign Affairs spokesperson Gilberto Asuque in a phone interview yesterday said there was no specific date for their return as the Philippine Embassy in Abuja was still working on their travel documents and the two men were undergoing medical tests.

Doctolero, 37, of San Jose del Monte, Bulacan, and Gajo, 36, of Sorsogon City, have spoken with their respective spouses, said Philippine Ambassador to Nigeria Masaranga Umpa in a statement released by the DFA yesterday.

Umpa said Doctolero and Gajo were released by their captors on June 25 at 3 p.m. (Nigeria time). They were seized on June 21 in the Niger Delta by six speedboat-riding

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Agence France-Presse quoting Nigerian

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the citizens' complaint was the first to be filed at the end of the one-year ban on bringing a new impeachment case against the

received and Nazareno stamped the complaint at 8:14

Ma Arroyo's opponents held an overnight vigil at the Batasan complex to prevent lawyer Oliver Lozano from preempting their case as he did last year. Lozano beat the House minority in lodging the complaint in May 2005. But it was regarded as weak and subsequently dismissed.

Repeat of charges

The 150-page impeachment complaint was essentially a repetition of last year's initiative. (See "At a Glance" on Page A1.) It accused Ms Arroyo of culpable violation of the Constitution, bribery, graft and corruption, and grave abuse of authority.

The charges stemmed from allegations the President stole the May 2004 election-a charge she has vehemently denied.

Ms Arroyo also was accused of human rights violations. She was blamed for the marders of 690 political dissenters and 42 media persons, the involuntary disappearance of 176 people, the torture of 320 people in the hands of government authorities and the illegal arrests of hundreds of people.

"This is for my mother and father and all the victims," said Arman Albarillo from the left-wing Bagong Alyansang Makabayan. Albarillo's parents were found dead from bullet wounds after they were seized by Army troops in 2002.

'Looking for truth'

"All we're looking for is the truth. We are just doing this because we must," said singer Leah Navarro, a convenor of the Black and White Movement, one of the 150 organizations that acted as plainants would continue to gath-

Bienvenido Lumbera, National Artist for literature, stressed that artists could not separate themselves from the realities of the wider social milieu.

The people have been frustrated in seeking reforms from the Arroyo government. It's time that the entire nation asked questions of President Arroyo, and expect that they be answered," Lumbera said.

After receiving the complaint, Nazareno began the painstaking process of requiring each of the more than 200 private complainants to sign and swear to the authenticity of the complaint.

The crisscrossing lines extended way outside Nazareno's office, but the complainants-most of whom had participated in an overnight prayer vigil at the parking lot of the complex-andously awaited their turn.

Senior Deputy Minority Leader Alan Peter Cayetano expected the individual signatures to reach as high as 500 in the coming weeks preceding the resumption of the congressional session in late July

Not about getting 79 votes

Cayetano said the opposition strategy in the days ahead was not about obtaining the magic 79 signatures but forcing the President to answer the charges, and thus putting closure to the crisis of legitimacy hounding her presidency.

"The people are directly taking action," said Cayetano. He said gathering the 79 signatures was only a "constitutional shortcut" to move the case up to the Senate for immediate trial.

"Actually, we need only one signature of a House member to endorse the complaint," he said. He was mum on the chances of the minority getting the required number of signatures in time for the resumption of the last regular session of the 13th Congress on July 24.

Cayetano said the private com-



ZENEIDA Quezon Avanceria hands over the impeaclment complaint against President Macapagal-Arroya to House Secretary General Roberto Nazareno. JOAN BONDOC

er additional signatures.

House Majority Leader Prospero Nograles shrugged off the effort. "Sure they can do that. They can get as [many] as one thousand private complainants. But that cannot impeach the President. It will not prosper without the 79 signatures of congressmen," said Nograles.

"So I don't know why they are insisting on something they can't get. So what is the exercise all about?" he said.

Nograles said the old complaint, which was trashed by the House in September last year but refiled by

the filing of a second impeachment case ended only yesterday.

He, however, said Lozano could revive it again but, on record, the citizens' group filed the first complaint this year.

Miscommunication

Marcus said the "seeming miscommunication" within the House minority had had "a negative effect on the opposition," noting that "the perception outside is they are disorganized and divided."

It's disappointing to hear these kinds of rumors that the op-Lozano on May 26, was "prema-position is watak-watak (disunit-ture." He said the one-year ban on ed) and ill-prepared," Marcos

said. She said the majority would take advantage of this.

She said "a stronger opposi-tion" was needed to finally "claim victory and seal President Arroyo's political death."

How can we win? If we are really dead serious in the impeachment, then a well-planned offensive should already be in place backed up by an organized political machinery," Marcos said.

Out of opposition hands

"Coupled with high-caliber legal research and media groups, we will definitely nail GMA down this time," she said.

Escudero dismissed Marcos's claim that the minority lacked a coherent strategy.

I don't know where she is coming from with that statement but, true or not, it is out of our hands anyway," he said.

"It's in the hands of private citizens to pursue this and I assure you that they do have a plan of action and strategy. And just because she is not aware of that, that does not mean that there is none." he added.

Nazareno said he would immedistely transmit the opposition's complaint to Speaker Jose de Venecia, who has 10 session days after Congress resumes its session on July 24 to include the complaint in the House's order of

"To do that, he will refer it to the committee on rules and direct it to include the complaint in the order of business," Nazareno said.

He said the rules committee would then have three session days to include it in the order of business for referral to the House justice committee.

"Upon receipt, the justice committee would have 60 session days to act on it," he said.

Playing it safe

Lawyer Harry Roque said the opposition was set to "refile" the complaint every day until the end of the week to preclude any possible administration claim that it was filed before the end of the one-year ban.

"To play it safe, between now and the end of the week, other citizens' groups will file the same complaint to preclude the House from constraining that we are still covered by the one-year ban," said

We want all the bases and dates covered," he added. With reports from Christine O. Avendaño, TJ Burgonio, and Norman Bordadora; Jhunnex Napallacan, PDI Visayas Bureau; AP Reuters

Congregations assail 'culture of fear, death'

statements of concern came from the London-based Amnesty International and the Philippine Commission on Human Rights.

Archbishop Angel Lagdameo, president of the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines, had also condemned the killings.

But the expressions of outrage have failed to stem the bloodshed, despite highly publicized pledges from Malacañang and the police that they were doing everything possible to stop the murders, many of which were committed by men riding on motorcycles.

Militants have blamed the murders on paramilitary groups or "death squads" operating supposedly with the military's blessings.

A bloody toll

least 232 militants and activists have been murdered since President Macapagal-Arroyo took office in 2001. The number of slain

journalists killed during the period has reached 44.

Human rights groups have put the total number of activists killed under the Arroyo administration at more than 600, including women and children slain during military and police operations, mostly in the countryside.

Many of the victims were identified with leftist organizations.

The killings were among the cases cited in the impeachment complaint lodged in Congress yesterday by more than 100 citizens groups seeking Ms Arroyo's removal from office. (See story on Page Al.)

"It appears that one activist is being ruthlessly killed daily because of their sociopolitical beliefs," the church commission

It said the number of incidents continued to grow since only a handful of human rights and An Inquires tally showed at church organizations were condemning them.

Nameless and faceless

to undermine any gains in reclaiming "the sanctity of life" that came with Ms Arroyo's abolition of the death penalty law.

"(The gains were) never fully achieved as day after day we hear or read from media about the indiscriminate killings of many nameless and faceless Filipinos which breed in our society a 'culture of fear and death." the commission said.

The group echoed an oft-repeated challenge for the government and law enforcement agencies to come up with "just and peaceful solutions" to the extrajudicial killings.

The commission asked priests, brothers and nuns to "pray and act for the speedy resolution of the long-delayed justice for the victims of extrajudicial killings and their families."

Palparan salkes forth

"Our call to promote the fullness of life demands that as a first step we condemn this injustice." it said. "We call for justice for our fellow Filipinos who have died These killings, it said, seemed and compassion for the families

of the victims."

The Army's 7th Infantry Division chief Maj. Gen. Jovito Palparan Jr., the military officer often blamed by militants for the killings, appeared equally relentless in his denunciations of communists and their supporters.

On Sunday, he spoke at a seminar and a rally in Cuyapo, Nueva Ecija, where about 5,000 residents from the town's 51 villages showed up, a military report said.

Wearing a sports shirt and den-im pants, Palparan spoke about the "evils" of the Marxist ideology.

In Mexico, Par San Ildefonso, Bulacan, the general lectured for six hours on the same subject.

Leftist propaganda

The lectures always ended with warnings about "sleeping with the enemy."

"This is to counter the propa-ganda of the enemy," he said to explain why he gave such long talks.

Lr. Col. Gregory Cayetano, commander of the 71st IB, said

Palparan's message had an effect on his audience. "(They) chanted anti-Left and

prodemocracy calls to air their grievances," Cayetano said.

As in other rallies, Palparan shared center stage with speakers from among rebel-returnees, who gave testimony on what they claimed to be wrongdoings in the revolutionary movement.

Sunday's rally in Cuyapo was followed by similar rallies in the neighboring towns of Guimba

The Cuyapo rally was held two weeks after Lupao barangay chair Eugene Estes was killed allegedly by New People's Army rebels. The NPA, which has claimed responsibility for some previous incidents, has not owned up to that killing.

Palparan's one-man propaganda sorties served to focus on the stepped-up counterinsurgency campaign ordered by Ms Arroyo to stamp out the supposed rebel menace during her term.

As part of Palparan's war, gov-

ployed to towns and cities in Central Luzon believed by the military to be influenced or controlled by rebels.

ernment soldiers have been de-

'All legal'

In the Cordillera, the NPA's Lejo Cawilan Command blamed military and police "death squads" for the killing of 12 people, mostly activists, in the province.

In a press statement, it said the killings were perpetrated by soldiers and police agents as part of an anti-insurgency operation under the so-called Inter-Agency Legai Action Group.

Kalinga police chief Senior Supt. Pedro Geronimo Ramos denied the NPA claim, saying the operation was only meant to go after communist rebeis involved in ambushes and raids of Army detachments.

"What we are doing is legal," With reports from he said. Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luson Desk, and Desiree Calusa, PDI Northern Luson Bureau

3 Filipinos added to 'Nicole' ordeal, says witness

Franco recounted that after she and Nicole gave statements at the IIO, "someone approached us" inside one of the rooms on the evening of Nov. 2 and told them to "just accept payment (magpabayad na lang daw po)."

Fear for her life

"I did not agree," Franco said, describing the person as a heavily built Filipino male.

Judge Pozon asked her to name the man and when Franco hesitated, Ursua asked to approach the bench. Lawyers from both panels spent about a minute

conferring with the judge. After the huddle, Franco said it was a "Ben Natividad." She could not recall if the man spoke of an exact amount and what precisely

the "payment" was for. Asked by Ursua why she was initially reluctant to identify Natividad in court, Franco said she was afraid for her life.

In contrast to her testimony on Natividad, Franco was livid when she recounted her first meeting with Timoteo Soriano, the driver of the hired van where Smith al-

legedly raped Nicole. Franco said that Sorismo.at first

that Nicole was not the woman taken on the van by his American customers on the night of Nov. 1.

Pity for Nicole

She said the driver only "admitted that it was my sister" after hearing Ma. Fe Castro, another eyewitness, assert that she saw Nicole being carried "like a pig" from Soriano's van. Franco said Soriano then ad-

mitted "that it was my sister and said he took pity [on her] for what the Americans did to her ... " It was at this point that Franco

rurned to the accused Americans, her outburst causing a brief break in the hearing. Calming down, she continued: (Soriano) said he will help us by

giving a voluntary statement. Then he went out of the room." Soriano did give a statement at the IIO but recanted later, claiming he had been coerced into signing his original statement

which spoke of "gang rape." Franco sounded bitter right from the start of her testimony

She recalled how Nicole underwent a urine test at the James Gordon Hospital in Olongapo City at

supposed rape. Her sister was in a state of shock and Franco said it was she who accomplished the forms for Nicole.

She said a certain Dr. Estera, upon learning Nicole was to be tested in connection with a rape incident, gnapped at her patient: "No-tape kn? Baka ginusto mo? (So you were raped? Maybe you wanted it?)"

Nicole in hysterics

When Nicole heard this, she answered back, "Why would I want that?" Franco said. "Then (Nicole) became hysterical." As in her testimony on Nativi-

dad, Franco only identified Estera by name when Judge Pozon asked her. Nicole repeatedly cried out in pein while Estera examined her

but the doctor just went on ignoring her," Franco said in Filipino. Pranco also resented how the hospital actended to a pregnant woman first, despite the fact that Nicole got there well ahead of the

"What happened to us is worse than the death of a loved onc. This is a nightmare," Franco said. We lost many opportunities, I could have found a job by now.

claimed in her and Nicole's presence around 3 a.m., or shortly after the We will grow old with this night- before the alleged rape occurred. mare and it will not go away."

She said one of their younger siblings had been forced to stop schooling because "we all had to give priority to (Nicole)."

Franco said it was only on the afternoon of Nov. 3 that Nicole was able to file a formal complaint before the Olongapo Ciry prosecutors office. By then, SB-MA Administrator Armand Areza had provided the sisters with a safebouse.

Unflinching witness

Franco did not flinch as the defense panel tried to break her testimony, which the prosecution deemed crucial in proving that Nicole was too drunk to have consented to sex.

Nicole has said that she was drunk when Smith raped her at the back of the Starex van. The Marine had claimed he had consensual sex with Nicole.

Franço aimed a fierce glare at defense lawyer Jose Justiniano as he fired one question after another in a bid to show that the sisters made no effort to refuse the drinks that their American companion, US Navy Petry Officer Christopher Mills, offered them

Barrage of questions

Justiniano also questioned Franco about the gaps between the drinks they consumed, as he tried to establish that the sisters had enough time between drinks to diffuse the alcohol content in their bodies and keep them from getting too drunk.

"Did you not suggest to Mills to order drinks that will not make you drunk?" Justiniano asked. Franco said no.

"Did you not tells Mills not to order anymore because you were already dizzy? Did you not suggest to him to just order another type of drink that will not make you drunk? Did you not tell Mills that you were dizzy and that you should go back to the hotel?" the

lawyer said. "Mills was the one who went to the bar ... How can I talk to Mills when he was going around the

bar?" Franco replied. By its questioning, the defense apparently sought to portray that Nicole was sober enough to have consented to sex with Smith, disputing the prosecution line that she was too drunk to have agreed to sex. But Ursua said the defense

tactics established nothing. Franco resumes her testimony

The INQUIRER sought Natividad's reaction but he refused to

take five calls after he was told in a text message what the INQUIRER wanted to ask him about. SBMA Chair Peliciano Salonga, said Natividad was "referring the

ssue to his father-in-law, the lawyer Oliver Lozano." Salonga said he could not recall if Natividad was part of the SBMA group he had directed to assist the rape victim. He said his instruction to the group was to provide her with medical and legal help,

and a house to keep her away from the "usiseros (busybodies)." Salonga said Natividad was a consultant at the SBMA, not his "senior executive assistant," as Natividad had previously identi-

fied himself to the INQUIRER. Salonga also said he did not remember his office being asked to facilitate any offers of money for

Nicole. He said that "in fairness to the US Navy," American authorities had told him "that they will abide by the

VFA (Visiting Forces Agreement)." With a report from Tonette Orejeas, Central Luson Desk

P25 wage increase derided, applauded

From page Al

Wages and Productivity Board (RTWPB) on Sunday raises the daily minimum wage in the metropolis to P350, effective July 11. Other regional wage boards have yet to issue their own increase orders.

"An insult to all workers," said KMU secretary general Joel Maglunsod of the increase. Maglunsod said the P2S could buy only a kilo of rice or two cans of sardines.

"The arms of poverty grip not only minimum wage earners, but also those who earn more than the minimum wage. Though we're poor, we're not beggars, [so] don't give us alms. Give workers what's due them and their families," he said.

Renato Magtubo, Partido ng Manggagawa chair and party-list representative, said "another grave injustice to labor has been committed."

Socioeconomic Planning Secretary Romulo Nerl saw the increase in a different light, "It looks right because it went through a long review by the tripartite board. That is their consensus and we welcome and respect this."

President Macapagal-Arroyo's chief of staff, Michael Defensor, said the RTWPB in Metro Manila managed to strike "a balance between the demands of labor for higher wages and the capacity of businesses to afford more cost adjustments."

Donald Dee, Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry president, said businessmen had initially offered a P20 increase based on a study of the impact of the high oil prices on basic commodities and services.

"After our negotiations, we finally agreed on P25, which we think is reasonable," Dee said.

Francis Chua, Federation of Filipino-Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry Inc. president, said that when compared with the inflation rate, the P25 should be enough to cover the increase in the cost of living.

But Chua said the government should ensure that basic commodities and utilities remained within the reach of minimum wage earners.

The adjustment will result in a 7.7-percent wage increase, higher than the 6.3 percent (P20.53 based on actual consumer price index data as of May) required to restore the purchasing power of minimum wage workers to the June 2005 level when the previous order was issued, an official of the labor department said.

Competitiveness eroded

For his part, Miguel Varela, chair of the Employers Confederation of the Philippines, said the wage increase was "manageable" for employers but this would further erode the country's competitiveness.

"This has increased to about \$6.50 the already very high Philippine minimum daily wage," Varela said.

Joey Ignacio, spokesperson of the Alliance of Progressive Labor, called the increase indiculous," while Leody de Guzman, Bukluran ng Manggagawang Pilipino chair, said the board's decision "did not come as a surprise."

The Trade Union Congress of the Philippines (TUCP), which originally peritioned for a P75 across-the-board increase, branded the pay hike as "too inconsequential."

"[The increase] will hardly make a dent in improving the living standards of workers in Metro Manila,"TUCP spokesperson Alex Aguilar said.

Aguilar said the TUCP would file an appeal in the National Wage and Productivity Commission (NWPC), which has the power to review the decisions of the wage boards.

De Guzman said that like past wage orders, the latest one would only cover a very small section of the working class because it was not "across the board."

The wage order would also be "unenforceable" because many employers are expected to apply for exemptions, he said.

Order to benefit 700,000

NWPC Executive Director Rebecca Calzado said the board's order would benefit 700,000 minimum wage earners in Metro Manila. The number excludes government employees and household help.

Of the 700,000, about 150,000 are covered by collective bargaining agreements and employer-employee pacts that assure them of a yearly raise.

Under the law, labor or employers' groups have up to 10 days to file an appeal in the NW-PC. They may be required to post a surety bond if they want to delay the implementation of the wage order. In turn, the commission has 60 days to rule on the appeal.

Private schools that have increased tuition this current school year are to be considered compliant with the wage order. (Part of any increase in tuition goes to the wages of workers in the education sector.) Those that did not raise tuition may defer compliance until the next school year.

Any wage increase granted three months ago (for companies with unions) or five months ago (for those without unions) before the effectivity of the order may be considered as compliant with the wage increase.

Exemptions may be granted by the board for not more than a year to establishments that are distressed, facing potential losses, employing not more than 10 workers or whose total assets (including those arising from loans but excluding load) are not more than 22 million.

ing land) are not more than P3 million.

At a press briefing, Department of Labor and Employment officials led by Labor Standards Undersecretary Romeo Lagman, NWPC Executive Director Calzado and RTWPB-NCR Chair Ricardo Martinez, who is DOLE-NCR director.

defended the board's ruling.

"It's not a mere pittance because some CBAs concluded for 2005 in the National Capital Region actually provided a P1-P30 wage increase," Lagman said.

Martinez said the board considered the need to provide immediate relief to workers and their families from the rising cost of living brought about by the continued rise in the price of oil in the world and domestic markers, without impairing the viability of business enterprises.

The KMU, BMP, PM and APL said the "measty" increase given by the wage board in Metro Manila bolstered their demand for the abolition of all wage boards, the reformation of the wage-fixing mechanism and the immediate passage of the P125 legislated across-the-board minimum wage increase.

Family living wage

A FAMILY OF SIX IN METRO MANILA IN APRIL NEEDED TO earn at least P748 a day or P22,440 a month for it to maintain a decent standard of existence beyond mere subsistence, according to the National Wages and Productivity Commission (WWPC).

Thus, the minimum daily wage in the private sector in Metro Manila, despite being raised by P25 to P350 effective July, is still lass than half the family fiving wage (FLW). And even if both father and mother are earning the minimum wages, their combined income will still fall short of the father.

The NWPC defines family living wage as "the income needed to provide for the family's food and nonfood expenditures with sufficient allowance for savings and investments for social security."

Family living wage covers three daily meals and expenditures, such as rent, clothing allowance, utilities, transportation and entertainment. The definition stresses the need for savings, which the ternily can use in case of emergency.

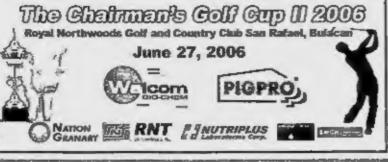
Not only is the P25 increase in daily basic pay insufficient, it also does not apply to all establishments. The NWPC listed those exempted from the prescribed wage increase or cost of living allowance for one year as follows: Establishments with considerable deficits, banks and quasi-banks under ilquidation or controllership, retail or service establishments employing not more than 10 workers (excluding the owners) for at least six months a year, and establishments adversely affected by natural calamities that occurred within six months before the effectivity of the wage increase order.

Before applying for exemption, an establishment should inform its workers about its intention. It should then submit to the Regional Tripartite Wages and Productivity Board proof that it belongs to the aforementioned categories (e.g., audited financial statements, affidavits from the employer). The documents should be filed within two months from publication of the new wage order.

Any worker can oppose the establishment's application for exemption by petitioning the appropriate board not later than 15 days after receiving notice of the application.

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Everybody's game

A LI. THE WORLD IS GOING GAGA OVER THE World Cup, but the Philippines is one of the few countries that has not been caught up in the infectious enthusiasm over the games. Well, yes, there are the hundreds of TV viewers who have caught the fever and stay up until 4 a.m. or 5 a.m. to watch "live" replays (an oxymoron if ever there was one). And there are hundreds

EDITORIAL of others who watch the matches on wide screens while quaffing and munching on P300 to P500 worth of

"consumables" in posh hotels and restaurants.

The sudden interest in football, although not widespread, is encouraging in a country that seems to think that all sports can be summed up in the three B's: basketball, boxing and billiards. We hope the interest develops into a campaign, a movement, something that would ultimately lead to the revival in this country of

football (better known here as "soccer").

Soccer was one of the popular sports in the Philippines antil the late 1950s or early 1960s, when basketball began to gain popularity among the youth, thanks to the intercollegiate and inter-university contests, and later, the "commercial leagues that used teams to promote and advertise their products."

Joseph Blatter, president of Federation Internationale de Football Association (Fifa), recalled in an interview in January 2005 that 51 years ago the Philippines was one of the founding members of the Asian Football Confederation and was prominent in the Asian football scene. "But because of the American influence, basketball became the No. 1 sport in the Philippines," he added.

Football, not basketball, is the universal and the single most important sport in the world. There are now six football confederations and 205 associations with more than 200 million players, including 40 million women and girls. Exactly 99.8 percent are amateurs and only .2 percent are professional players.

Football has come a long way from its beginnings in 200 B.C. in China where a form of the game was played that emphasized the ability of players to dribble a leather ball. The modern-day version is known to have started in England and the first ball was said to have been the severed head of a Danish brigand.

In 1857, the first club was formed in Sheffield, England. And in 1913, the Fifa was created to coordinate all of the national associations in the world. The result was the development of international competitions such as the World Cup held every four years.

Football's popularity spread quickly throughout the world because it is simplicity itself. The aim is to get the ball by any means except by the hands, into the goals at each end of the field. It can be played on any vacant lot using just a ball or any substitute. No wonder it is especially popular in poor countries where people cannot afford to buy expensive sports equipment.

Many football superstars like Pele (Edson Arantes do Nascimento) of Brazil, considered one of the greatest football players of all time, came from poor families and achieved world stardom because of their skill. Among the other outstanding players are Diego Maradona, the greatest Argentine player in history, who is a complete master of the ball, keeping it under his control at all times, even when running at full speed; Ronaldinho of Brazil, for whom Leeds once offered 75 million euros or \$96 million, who is blessed with breathtaking skill and almost supernatural ball control; and Hernan Crespo of Argentina, one of the world's most prolific strikers, who has scored with every conceivable type of goal, from lobs and backheels to overhead kicks.

These are among the players who have enthralled spectators all over the world with their swiftness, virtuosity, fluidity and grace. These are the men whose athleticism and artistry make football such a joy to watch. Their passion for the sport is matched by the fierce patriotism of their fans who will party nonstop for two days after the national team's victory or riot or even kill when it loses an

Football is not necessarily a game for tall men (for instance, Maradona is only 5 feet 6 inches tall), and that is why it is a game where Filipinos can be competitive. Filipinos are naturally swift and fluid in their movements, graceful and very adaptive. Let us hope that with the renewed interest sparked by the World Cup, Filipinos will again take up football where they have a better chance to win than in basketball, a game for the really tail men.

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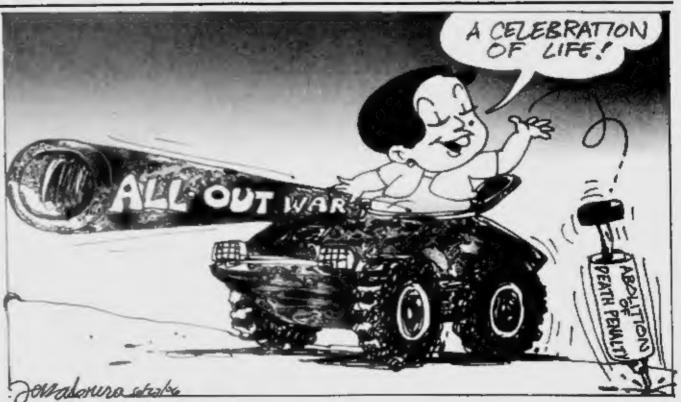
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Ultimate safety net

RICE SEEDS, STORED IN AN EARTHQUAKEproof Philippine gene bank, will soon be shipped to an Arctic high-security vaula, there to be stocked alongside those of other crops to form "an ultimate safety net" for the world's food.

Almost half the length of a football field, the "safe" is being drilled into a mountain on the snow-bound Norwegian island of Svalbard. It's a spin-off from the 2004 International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agricul-

"It's our final safety net," Norwegian Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg said at the cornerstone rites. Stored seeds can be destroyed by war, political conflict, natural calamities or research disruptions. "This has apparently happened about 40 times to date (and Svalbard) will make it possible to replace seeds which have been lost."

Svalbard will be, "in effect, the Fort Knox of seeds," the Washington Post noted, "It's to be the ultimate backup in the event of a global catastrophe ... so humankind would not have to start again from scratch."

Sealed off by its remoteness, buried in three feet of concrete, ringed by a perimeter fence, chilled by Arctic permafront, the seed bank will be completed by late 2007. It will then store seeds from all over the world, says Global Crop Diversity Trust, a United Nations-linked organization that campaigned to establish the seed bank.

When its airtight doors close, for perma-frost shumber, over three million seeds will be stock-pifed, including packets from the International Rice Research Institute in Los Baños.

Seeds are at the core of human life. About two million varieties of plants are used for food and forage today. "Kun piti an birdti, daluit an auniton," a Bicol proverb says. If the seed is selected, the harvest will be bountiful.

Rice is the main staple for almost three billion people. Most of the calories that enabled earth's population to double 10 times over the last 10,000 years came from three plants: maize, rice and wheat. Rice harvests pulled ahead of wheat in 1999. Their history is that of mankind.

FOOTBALL IS BAD FOR THE HEALTH, WELL

sometimes, when it takes the form of the World

Cup, and when the World Cup is held in a coun-

The one held in Korea four years ago at least

had me only getting soused in bright sunny af-

ternoons, which was when the games beamed

here. Today's Cup, which is being hosted by

Germany, has me spending steepless nights.

even if I no longer get soused these days, or

nights, from the tempering effect of gout. A

week or so ago, the games played at 9 p.m., 12

midnight and 3 a.m. The best games are natu-

raily reserved for last, which means that if you

want the best, you'll have to pay the price of

hitting the sack at S a.m. Now, with the round

of 16, the games have gone down to two a day

but still air at 11 and 3 a.m. I'll seave the foot-

ball gods to spare me the ravages of long wak-

I didn't become a World Cup fan until a mu-

ple of World Cups ago. I caught a bit of the

1998 one, cheering in particular for underdog

Croatia, who went on to win third place. Host

France won that year-playing at home does

seem to work; Germany seems headed in that

direction this year, which bodes Ill for a bet I

made in favor of Brazil-which sported cele-

scription by various media of the post-game

celebrations was mind-boggling: The Prench

danced in the streets, drank till morning and

threw themselves into fountains, an orgy of

revelry not seen since D-Day. It was the first

time I caught a glimpse of what they meant

when they said football isn't just a game, it is a

religion. Or for the more secular, If it is a game

I confess I haven't been as religious in fol-

lowing the football matches regularly being

sired on Star Sports particularly, but I have

been so at least about the last two World Cups.

The World Cup is always special, which is

when the real transformation takes place,

which is when making a goal takes on the as-

pect of winning a war. No, more than that, of

That's what turned me into a fan. The de-

brations of exceptional abandon.

at all, it is the game of life.

try that airs or ungodly hours in these parts.

VIEWPOINT

Juan L. Mercado

"IRRI looks forward to sending sub-samples of its collection to Svalbard for permanent ultrasafe conservation," says Dr. Ruaraidh Sackville Hamilton, heads of the IRRI gene bank.

The Genetic Rice Resources Center in Los Baños is one of the world's most comprehensive banks for rice germ plasm. Its refrigerated store-rooms hold over 167,000 samples of rice collected from 110 countries in Asia, Africa and Latin

IRRI worked in the 1990s with the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) to plan a radically new approach to safe conservation of crop diversity, Hamilton recalled. "These ultimately resulted in the Global Crop Diversity Trust."

Abour 1,400 seed banks exist worldwide. These include large national collections in the United States and China. Smaller ones operate at universities and research laboratories. Other OGIAR centers focus on maize, wheat and other crops. These are backed by the World Bank, the Food and Agriculture Organization and several focus of the productions.

IRRI is developing, with the Trust, a strategy to link all the world's collection of rice, Hamilton said. The institute's "model computer system allows curators of rice collections to share data with the rest of the world . . . so we ensure that this unique diversity is also used fairly so help

At Svalbard, seeds from Los Baños, along with samples from the world over, will be sealed in black boxes. But they go into a "bank of last resort." Seeds will be drawn from the vault only when all other sources have been obliterated or

exhausted. Svalbard's "Noah's Ark" is seen in the context

of how a world of nine billion people by 2030 can be "adequately and equitably fed, and in environmentally sustainable ways," Nobel Peace Prize laureate Norman Borlaug told a meeting of the Asian Development in Manila.

Borlaug developed wheat varieties that tripled yields in Mexico in the early 1960s—and spread worldwide. By 1974, India's wheat harvests had tripled. This launched the "Green Revolution" worldwide.

A slowing down of growth rates will probably see population peak below 10 billion—"10 gi-gapeople"—not long after 2050. "This was unthinkable just two decades ago," notes the Economist. "Human beings may be the only creatures that have fewer babies when better fed."

Consumption will require world food supply to double over the next 50 years, Borlaug said. In China alone, food, feed and fiber demand by a larger wealthier population is likely to double by mid-century. But its arable land base is likely to shrink by 20 percent.

Asia is running out of land to plow. Food must come from intensified production on already farmed land. Limited water resources is a constraint. By the year 2025, as much as two-thirds of the world population is likely to live under water-stress conditions

And it is only a matter of time before East Africa's new race of destructive stem rust erupts here, affecting cereal production.

Genetic modification has transformed maize, rice and soyabeans. Biotechnology and new scientific tools will be developed to help meet future food and fiber challenges.

The historical track record shows high-yielding varieties of rice, wheat and maize, over the past 50 years, tripled world cereal production—with only a 10-percent increase in total cultivated cereal area.

To bear back hunger, Borlaug called for a rwin-track strategy: first, productivity-led agricultural growth component; and second, safety net programs to assist the chronically hungry. That requires political mindsets to see beyond the next elections.

Acquired tastes

THERE'S

Conrado de Quiros



discovering the Pountain of Youth. Since the Word Cup started early this month, I completely forgot that Miami was battling Dalias for the NBA crown. Suddenly, the bragging rights there became just, well, bragging, the rights being more debatable. I don't know what kind of coverage it got in the world media. I do know that some years ago, while I was in Kuala Lampur and the NBA finals were being played longside a UEFA match, I was at pains to find news about the first while the second was splashed all over the sports pages of newspapers. And that wasn't the World Cup.

I do know that in this country eyebrows are still raised at the seemingly inexplicable furs about people acting as though they had no hands and frenetically kicking a ball from one side of a field to another. I do know that in this country, people still say, "What a boring game," and "How can people be excited by a game that ends up 0-07" (or nil-nil, as the Brits say).

What can I say? What game is really exciting from that perspective? What's so exciting about a bunch of people trying to shoot a ball through a hoop? What's so exciting about a bunch of people trying to hit a ball with something so ridiculous as a wooden bat? What's so exciting about a bunch of people pushing and shoving and benging each other's brains out with ferocious tackles? The excitement lies in people struggling to overcome adversity it as graceful and artistic a manner as possible. I leave others to argue for plunging a knife into a ball's head as a supreme example of grace under pressure. But it's much like life itself.

Pootball, ilke basketball, or indeed, like wine and jazz, is an acquired taste. Every game offers its own excitement, for those with the

(developed) sensibility for it. Tell a Japanese that sumo wrestling and Go are boring. While at that, tell the Russians that chess is boring. I used to play chess reasonably well and followed the titanic battle between Bobby Fischer and Boris Spassky ages ago (that's what got me into the game) with rapturous attention. There's gripping drama that unravels on the board and on the field that isn't captured by the score or "bottom line." A draw, or score of 0-0, no more tells the story of a chess or football match than it does about a person's life. The bottom line of life is death, but that isn't quite the story. You want instant gratification,

go to a video arcade, or to the john.

I had wished the ilnited States would go farther than it did the last World Cup to generate more interest in football in that country. Can you imagine if the African-Americans (to be PC about it) in particular, who have pretty much dominated every other sport, got into it big time? But, alas, the US did even worse than last time, though I thought too that that free kick awarded to Ghans which gave them the win and booted the US out was horrendously unfair.

Meanwhile, I'll continue to thrill to the sight of former enemies and colonial masters and slaves boringly coming together in less murderous but equally ferocious confrontations. I'll continue to revel in the sight of people, castes and classes and races boringly calling a truce on their deadly games of wars and strife to foment this deathly silly and beautiful war and strife. I'll continue to feel along with the players and their fans and their nations and the peoples of this planet the boringly trushing pain of those who fall in the field of battle and the boringly bursting joy of those who see all over again the miracle of their liberation at the beaches of Normandy.

The World Cup is an acquired taste, But then

living itself is an acquired taste.

Correction: I meant Norberto Gonzales in yesterday's column but somehow wrote Raul Gonzalez. Not much difference but for accura-

Second impeachment won't fly—Baterina

PALACE OFFICIALS APPEALED TO THE OPPOST-tion to postpone the filing of a new impeachment complaint until President Macapagai-Arroyo returns from her European visit on July 2. This is a reasonable request, and perhaps the more statesmanlike in the opposition would grant it. There's no doubt that the opposition is determined to file a new complaint. But whether it would prosper is another thing

Recently I ran into liocos Sur Rep. Salsenib Batering and asked him about the chances of this second impeachment complaint prospering. This is assuming that the House justice committee does not recognize the validity of the argument of GMA's lawyer, Romulo Macalintal, that a still-pending TRO motion in the Supreme Court filed by opposition members burs the filing of a second complaint.

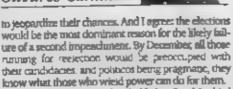
Baterina, one of the key anti-impeachment brwmakers last year, opined that a second compiaint won't prosper for a number of reasons. For one thing, be argued, even the Church which inttially supported the filing of a second complaint is now divided against it, even though the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines is still pressing for a determination of the truth about GMA's victory in 2004. Some prominent Church men realize the adverse effects of a new impeachment on the slowly recovering economy.

Baterina also opined that most people are thred of political squabbles and would rather concentrate on bettering their lives and their future. Moreover, many believe there's no justifiable cause for impeachment. Raking up the "Helio Garci" assue anew, he said, would doom it under the res judicata clause. As for Proclamation 1017, he said it could be argued that this was among the President's options under the Constitution. And with regard to the disappearance of scores of activists, he argued that there has to be a "causal connection" to the President for the charged to stick.

Then there's the election factor. With the 2007 elections just around the corner, he said members of the ruling party will definitely close ranks in order not

POLITICAL TIDBITS

Belinda Olivares-Cunanan



I queried Baterina what he'd do after his third nerm ends 2007. He said he'd turn to farming—not carnote, but executs. He stressed that under the Kyoto Protocol, coconst methyl-esther will play a crucial role in preventing the destruction of the ozone kryes.

Yesterday was the 31st death auniversary of the founder of Opus Del, Josemaria Escriva, who was canonized by Pope John Paul on Oct. 6, 2002. In the Church calendar, June 26 is his feast day. In his 73 years on earth, the Spanish-born St. Josemaria preached that everyone is called to sanctity right where he is, in the middle of the world, and that work professionally done and offered with love to God is the hinge of one's sanctification. During his lifetime and in the 31 years since he went to heaven, tens of thousands of people around the world have been profoundly influenced by St. Josemaria.

Among them is a couple from Angeles City, Gil and Ming Lim. The Lims, who are from well-to-do families in Pampanga, and been friends for 11 years, but some of those years Ming spent in the United States. Although caught up in their own careers and activist causes, they began to realize at some point that they wanted to settle down. One day, Gil starprised Ming with a proposal over the phone. She

flew back home to Munila and they got married, on-ly to realize that he was hooked on drugs. Ming, encouraged by her sister-to-law who's ne-

tive in Opus Del, started her novema prayer to St Josemaria. On Easter Sunday in 1996, she sought the assistance of the police, and the family took him to a drug rehab center called New Beginnings. There were sethacks and it took two more confinements before a real solution came which Ming credits to St. Josemana's intercession. She read about a French doctor who treated drug addiction with laser acopurcture. After months of treatment, Gil never again liked the taste of shahu lust as unporture was the healing of his family retiononship as wei as heiping other addicts recover.

An uncle sold them the idea of converting an idle family lot near the wet market, in a depressed area of Angeles, into a pay parking lot. They set up PhiloVier Corp., named after their two children, Tumara Philomena and Camilo James They cleaned up that part of the city and settled the squatters in another two-bectare property in Sapang Balen, with ritles of their own, and run the corporation professionally. Today, among their more than 40 employees, 10 are recovering from drug addiction. Definitely one of the profound influences on their lives is the book that documents favors granted through St. Josephania's intercession, titled "God Provides," edited by Monina Allarey Mercado.

in addition, the Lims sought to help inculcate good moral values among the young by setting up the San Marcelo Youth Camp, named after St. Marcellus, a Roman centurion who refused to take part in idolatrous rituals in the early Christian years and for which he was beheaded. The camp gathers 25 to 50 boys and girls from the depressed areas, ages 18 to 22, for discussions of asues like parent-child relationships, sexuality and homosexuality, morality, spirituality and rights of the youth. They are taught how to think for themselves in a leadership training and ream building module where they come to real ize that they have choices in their lives.

The man from Greenpeace

IN 1983, DR. GERD LEIPOLD, NOW THE INTER national executive director of Greenpeace, boarded the gondosa of a hot-air balloon and with another activist-colleague flew the balloon from West to East Berlin across the infamous Berlin Wall. Landing in a field just outside the East German capital, Lespold and his friend were arrested and detained, before being freed and expelled from the country.

The balloon flight was made in protest against the testing of nuclear weapons and was entirely in line with Greenpeace's arsenal of daring, "in your face" procest actions on behalf of the environment At the time he flew across the Berlin Wall, Leipold was executive director of Greenpeace Germany, and shortly after was appointed to run the international disarmament campaign. The holder of a PhD in Oceanography, Leipold left Greenpeace in 1992 to "earn a living" as a consultant on climate research. But in 2001, having remained in touch with the organization as a supporter, he was asked to come on board as executive director.

In Manila recently mainly to address a conference on clean energy organized by the Asian Development Bank, Leipold says that while his work requires him to do a lot of traveling, he aim enjoys it because "I am inspired by the changes I see, especially in Asia."

Asia, he says, is Greenpeace's "number one prioxity" because "the future of this planet will be decided here." While it may still be valid to tay the blame for global warming and other environmental problems on the doorstep of industrialized developed nations today, he says that "in the next 10 years, China and India will outpace the United States (in manufacturing), and it doesn't help to just keep biaming the US and Europe

NEITHER will merely throwing money at it solve the problem, says Leipold. "Money doesn't do very much. People have to be aware that doing some thing about the environment will benefit them."

Governments in Asia have the advantage of knowing so much more about addressing environmental concerns at an early stage of development, when it is still possible to enact laws and eral agencies like the ADB and World Bank as well as international investors to improve the country's

Yet even as Greenpeace searches for ways to work with governments and the private sector to promote clean energy, it doesn't mean, though, that t has entirely abandoned its activism. It still uses public opinion, or the threst of turning it against a government or company, as a potent weapon to push its agencia

LEIPOLD recalls, with some relish, a campaign Greenpeace launched to convince Hewlett Packard, a computer mamifacturer, to be more responsible in the dumping of its waste material. Using negotiations as well as public demonstra-tions, Greenpeace convinced HP not just to adopt more responsible recycling of toxic waste, but also to look for alternative contents in their own products in place of toxic chemicals and non-recyclable materials.

This approach worked just as well with another major American distributor, Dell Computers. We give them a scare," Leipold says with a smile, "through public protests and by mobilizing consumers.

Working with the private sector, says Lespold, a rewarding not only because companies are very concerned about their reputations, but also because "once they decide to act, there's no stopping them. If they make a promise to you, they will fulfill and try to turn it into a competitive advantage."

in working with the business sector, Greenpeace Tacknowledges the good steps that have been taken and assure the companies that if you do the right thing, you won't be targeted any-

Greenpeace, Leipold points out, is effective because it has retained its independence and credibility in its 35 years of existence. "We don't accept money from businesses or corporations or governments. We depend on the monthly support of our 2.7 million supporters around the world." In the Philippines, for a minimum donation of P150 a month, some 3,000 members keep Greenpeace affout and autonomous.



take steps before the situation gets any worse, he says, if people in Europe and, to a lesser extent, in North America are now acutely aware of envirounental problems, such awareness has come only after witnessing and living with the environmental damage and loss of resources. "You

don't have to repeat the experience of old countries," notes Leipoid. At the ADB forum, Lespold called on the insti-

tution to "spearhead the global energy revolution" by advocating "stronger, more ambitious renewable energy policies and targets among its developing member nations." He also assailed the ADB for "supporting coal,"

that is, funding the establishment of coal-fired power plants and other "durty" sources of energy. "We are at a crossroads," asserts Leipold. "If

the world continues to be dependent on oil, the future tooks more and more unstable. With oil prices rising and the cost of other energy sources increasing, the situation cannot but lead to war."

TT'S not true that clean energy aiways casts money," he says. "We have built enough experience with alternative energy sources that we can now go much faster" in development and distribution.

"The cost of renewable energy has gone down considerably," Leipoid notes. Wind-powered energy now costs only 10 percent of what it used to cost 10

While Greenpeace Southeast Asia, including the Philippenes, works with local legislators and decision-makers to trivest more in renewable sources of energy and exact protective legislation against sit, water and toxic pollution, Greenpeace International works "on the global context," influencing multi-lat-

Judgment in Phnom Penh

Perfect career

EXACTLY A WEEK AGO, I DID SOMETHING THAT WILL surely disappoint my parents, raise the eyebrows of my titus, and open me again to mockery by my friends: I again submit ted a resignation letter to my employer. I've done the same thing five times since I graduated from college about a year ago, and my friends are saying making resignation letters has become a hobby for me.

I'm only 23 and 1 already have a long list of short-time work experiences, making my CV three pages long. My mom said that finding and leaving work are just like bur hopping to me. I've been jumping from one company to another, hoping to find the perfect job-something

We want to know what the young are thinking about. What are their thoughts on current issues? We welcome contributions from the twentysomething and below.-Ed.

YOUNG BLOOD

Amabelle Rica R.

that would exercise my knowledge and creativity and at the same time give me freedom to do whatever I want to do. I know I'm being idealistic burl believe there's really that kind of work wairing for me Back in college, most of my classmates thought I was dumb and wrote me off as a failure. Whenever we had a

group project or report, nobody wanted to have me in his or her group, fearing I would just pull down their grades. I couldn't blame them. Who would ever trust a person who

would just show up in class when there was quiz or sneak out of the classroom after the attendance had been checked?

But I never thought of myself as a failure. I believed that I was as smart as those boring students on the dean's list 1 knew that even if I didn't graduate in college with honors, I would still feel fulfilled because my college days were wonderful. I was able to enjoy my life amid the pressures of university life and got only on failing mark-in Trigonometrybut even that was a learning experience for me, I knew how it felt not only to flunk a subject but also to attend summer classes. And it made me different from my classmates who would cry a tub of tears whenever they got 2.5 in some of their subjects. I didn't worry too much about grades and rankings since I knew they were not essential to living in the real world. I believed that as long as you had your own talent and you knew it, you were already successful in your own way And I still believe it until now.

The reason I didn't stick to one job is simple: I was not happy in any one of them. In know it sounds like a very shallow reason for jumping from one job to another, but that's the fact. For how can you stay in one company doing the task assigned to you if you're not enjoying what you're doing? How can you concentrate on finishing a business plan if your mind and heart are telling you to do what you enjoy most?

I hate writing resignation letters and handing them to human resource managers. I don't enjoy job-hopping. I don't like being asked what I am doing with my life. I hate it when friends teased about my not being able to stay in one company. But ran't these people understand that these companies only offered me money and not the satisfaction I was looking for? Sticking with a well-established company might be an easier way to a comfortable life, but I know I would just be fooling myself. it can never satisfy the hunger

There's only one thing that I really find pressure in doing, one thing I'll never grow tired of doing over and over again, and that is writing. Whenever I finish an article or a story, always feel fulfilled and even triumphant. I feel like I had done something great, no matter how lousy the story may be. Great, in the sense that it's my own masterpiece, something that's wholly a product of my creativity and not extracted from the by my supervisors

I used to work in a publication, and it was one great work experience despite the very low pay. I spent more than a year working there and I honestly enjoyed it there: the pressure of bearing the deadlines, the never-ending overrime work, looking over the layouts, etc. But I had to leave that company because at that time, my family was so financially challenged that I had to get out of my comfort zone and find a job that would pay me enough so that I could help my family finan-

I didn't really want to leave. I even tried working part-time as an English instructor for four months, waxing up at 3 s.m. and reporting for work as early as 4 a.m. just so I won't lose my writing job. But my body didn't cooperate. I got sick and was bed-ridden for almost a month because of over-fatigue. My mom insisted that I give up my part-time job and eventually I gave up my position in the publication due to financial

Now I have decided to follow my heart's desire. I will no longer think of the downside of the writing profession. Instead, I will ponder on how happy and fulfilled I will be doing the one thing I love. I will not look for a job that is just an exchange of labor for money. Instead, I will look for a job that will help me grow and develop as a writer.

A job is different from a vocation. A job is something you do for money. Looking for a job is something that society dictates so you'll have food on the table and you can buy the things you need. A vocation, on the other hand, has a much deeper meaning in your life. A vocation is something that you are not obtiged to do because your heart and mind are in it. It is something that give you so much satisfaction in do-

I know writing is my vocation. I knew it from the time our teacher in founds grade asked us to write a short essay about ourselves. Writing makes my life complete. It fills my life with meaning. Writing allows me to give voice to who I am and what I want to say.

I don't care if most people think there's no money in writing. I don't care if I'd grow old poor, typing my latest piece while most of my friend and colleagues enjoy the luxuries of life. I will die with no regrets because I've spent most of my life doing something that I really love.

All I want as to write as many articles and stories as I can, hoping that I will be able to inspire people around me. With a bit of luck, I hope that through the words I write I will be able to make a difference in some people's lives

I've already made my choice I will keep writing until I can't think of anything to write, until my mind becomes ex hausted by thinking. I will no longer dwell on what other people say or succumb to pressures around me. I will not let these things kill my dream. I am determined to prove to the world that in doing what I love I will be successful. I don't want to wonder some time how good I could have been at writing stories

I'm gled to have finally found the perfect career. And this time, I will no longer have to prepare a resignation letter.

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Under an agreement between the United Nations and Cambodia's government, 13 foreign Judges and prosecutors have been chosen to serve alongside 17 Cambodian counterparts. This edec tic group of jurists will begin, in the first week of July an unusual experiment in international justice. Over the next three years, the aptly named Extraordinary Chambers will seek to produce a mesture of legal accountability for one of the worst

ple, a court to try the most responsible surviving

leaders is set to open its doors.

genocides of the 20th century. Among those likely to be tried are two of Poi Pot's closest and most powerful cohorts: Nuon Chea, a Khmer Rouge party leader, and leng Sary, the former deputy prime minister for foreign affairs Given how long it has taken to get off the

ground-on-again-off-again talks dragged out

over nme years this tribunal's very existence is a

cause for celebration. But the test of the trials will

be whether they are—and are seen to be-factdriven, impartial and consistent with international

Por reasons of history and as a matter of law, both the Cambodian government and the internabonal community share responsibility for making this court a success. To do so, they must address

several major challenges

First, unlike hybrid tribunals in East Timos, Kosovo and Sterra Leone, international judges are a minority. (A "super-majority" voting mechanism will ensure that the vote of at least one international judge is needed to reach a judgment.) There are good reasons why mixed tribunals should have substantial national components. Nonetheless, this arrangement poses particular challenges in a country where the quality and independence of judicial decision-making have long been questioned.

Second, the length of time that has passed since the crimes-longer than 30 years, in some cases-far exceeds that for my comparable proceedmg. Other war-crimes courts have taken place in

the immediate aftermath of conflict. Cambodia's long delay complicates the task of preserving evidence, including human memory, that is so essentian to proving guilt

These structural impediments cannot be removed. But they can be partly overcome with larensive training in Cambodian and international law and complex investigative techniques. This must be reinforced by vigorous independent monitoring throughout the process

Third, the court site is located in a military compound far from downtown Phnom Penh. If ordinary people are to observe this historic event, buses will have to transport them. The proceedings should be broadcast nationwide on radio and television. Civic groups and the court will need to develop creative outreach strategies to target the predominantly rural population to ensure that all Cambodiums have the opportunity to understand these proceedings. At the very least, court staff should work with local groups to convene meetings about the trials, and the issues they mise, in

communities across the country. Fourth, he recent months opposition leaders and human rights activists have been subjected to crim-Inal charges for speech critical of the government. Draft legislation seeks to make criminal defianation a permanent fixture, and includes new provisions making it an offense to triticize a court rul-

Cambodia's political leaders and donor states should do more to underscore the value of wide ranging debute about the tribunal and the larger legacy of Cambodia's civil conflict. Cambodian survivors of the Khyner Rouge recall the daily fear of criticizing that regime; it would be especially tragic

if Cambodians did not feel free to express their views of the Extraordinary Chambers, Meaningful public engagement with the court requires an underlying environment that fosters-not punish-

es-the free expression of ideas

Fifth, Cambodia has a shortage of highly qualified lawyers, because the legal profession was nearly wiped out by the Khmer Rouge. Yet, contrary to the practice in other international and by brid war crimes courts, local law permits only Cambodian lawyers to represent the accused. For the sake of fairness and due process, this rule must be changed for the Extraordinary Chambers so that international lawyers can contribute equally to the defense

Finally, having generously contributed most of the tribunal's funds, donor governments cannot just sit back and watch. They can best belp the court by coordinating their actions, exercising robust oversight, and helping to identify-and

where necessary, solve—problems as they arise. In addition, they may have to provide additional resources. The court's bare-bones budget of \$56 million over three years does not rover basics such as a safe house for protected witnesses, transcripts of court restimotry, or a library, it would help if the United States, which has yet to contribute to the Extraordinary Chambers, were to do so

The Extraordinary Chambers marks a milestone In Cambodia's effort in come to terms with an exceptionally violent period in its past. How the court performs matters deeply to the millions of Cambodians scarred by the crimes of the Khmer Rouge. At the same sime, this court is the latest manifestation of an enduring worldwide movement-which extends back to Nuremberg—to end impunity for mass acrockies. Its capacity to render justice should be of paramount expects to us all.

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Political realities will win over public accountability

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TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2006

WHEN HOUSE MAJORITY LEADER Prospero Nograles justified the majority congressmen's plan to kill the second impeachment bid, he c ted political realities. He said if the complaint slipped through the House of Representatives, Speaker Jose de Venecia and his aliles would be out of their leadership posts. A hostile Senate/impeach- countability.

ment court would definitely convici Gioria Macapegai Arroyo, he added

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Nograles was actually implying that De Venecia and the admin stration allies in the House including himself, are scared to lose their chairmanships and so they would rather disregard the principle of public ac-

So, there will be a very clear case of willful obstruction of justice; worse, there will be a betrayal of their con-

So, it will now be OK to commit plunder and cheat your way to the presidency?

DENN'S LADORES, 80 Cadena de Amor St., Pembo, Makati City

No SSS sale to Equitable PCI Bank

PLEASE ALLOW US TO CORRECT AN item in Conrado Banal III's June 20 column "That's my bod." He said a planned impeachment complaint to be filed against President Macapagal-Arroyo will use as basis the "questionable sale of the SSS holdings in Equitable PCI Bank (EPCIB) to the SM group of mail operator Henry Sy."

Bonal also said: "For one, why did Malacañang allow SSS to sell its holdings in EPCIB to the SM group at a giveaway price of P47 per share, payable after seven years, with not even a single centavo of downpayment?"

Again, Banal has his facts mixed up In his March 30 column, he said the sale price was P43. Anyway, in both instances, his figures are wrong.

Under the terms of the Letter of intent, the SSS would have sold the shares at P43 50, which represented a 30-percent premiors over EPCIB's last traded price of P33 50 on Dec. 30, Initially, the SSS would have re-

ceived a cash down payment of P1 billion, the balance to be paid in 61/2-year, zero-coupon, non-amorazing notes with combined total face value of about P14 billion. This was subsequently revised in January 2004 to a cash payment of PB billion.

But the issue is already moot and academic. Under the terms of the Share Purchase Agreement, both perties must agree to the sale on or before June 30, 2004. The deadline was not

mer and the agreement lapsed. Banaf asked why Malacaflang allowed the sale. This is unfair to Malacañang because it is not involved in the investment decisions of the SSS.

The SSS is seeing its shares through bidding under the Swiss Challenge procedure. But it has been hampered by a case filed by a group of pensioners with the Supreme Court. The group is questioning the legality of the proposed sale. The SSS is awarting the decision. of the High Tribuna, before it could entertain new offers to buy the shares.

-JOEL R PALACIOS. assistant vice president, Media Affairs Department, Social Security System, East Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City

Cha-cha: gateway to death chamber

ISN'T GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO Cha-cha (Charter change) train bringing us to the death chamber, after all?

The problem with GMA's Cha-cha is that it cannot prove that a more liberalized, 100-percent tariff-free and foreign-owned/dominated economy will bring about more progress and make hie better for the country's poor ma-

No matter what logic-business or political-we apply, the proposa, to harmonize our Constitution with globalization policies is like scritencing the nation to death.

The World Trade Organization bandwagon has an undeniably vile reputation for pushing Third World coun tries into bankruptcy, humongous foreign debts and dire poverty it will deal no differently with the Philippines once. we further strip our Constitution of its remaining nationalist provisions.

Since we entered into the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade-WTO, we have become dependent on import and export industries. This has led to the demise of many of our local industries. Sure, we can now eat all the M&M candies and chocolates we like, but we harrfly have enough locally produced quality rice to feed our people. We have so import such basic commodities, which in the first place we should be capable of producing on our own to meet our needs.

inflation has worsened and to cover this up, a two-step VAT increase was forced on us. As a result, the overseas Filipino workers, our unsung heroes our biggest export have to work doubly hard to keep their families alive and to sustain the peso.

Come to think of it, there has been an endless stream of proposals to amend our Constitution. The proposals mostly

come supposedly from the cream of the crop of economists, among them Ms Arroyo herself. The proposais focus on how to solve the economic crisis, but not one of those suggests the idea of national industrialization; meaning, tapping and developing on our own, free from the impositions of foreign capitalists—our local industries and resources to meet our needs.

But then, when we cite the flaws of GMA's proposed Cha-cha and make this kind of suggestions, we are labelled as "not so-muel gent" and "anti-development" Which makes as think that GMA's Cha-cha is a sellout of the national patrimony and, thus, will just lead the Filipino nation to the death

---Ren Jalaluddin Ropeta, Vice-Chairperson, Moro-Christian Peoples' Alliance (MCPA), Brgy, Central Diliman Q.C.

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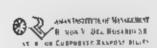
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Bishop identifies 'jueteng' operators

BAYOMBONG, NUEVA VIZCAYA—CATHOLIC Villegas when reached through his mobile phone. Bishop Ramon Villena on Sunday disclosed the identities of suspected operators of the illegal numbers game in the province, as he denounced local and government officials for their supposed incompetence to stop "jueteng" activities here.

Church-run radio station dwRV Villena tagged one Roland Villegas, supposedly from Pangasman, as the alleged financier of justeng nere, which has been on on-and-off operations since early this year

The bishop made the statement on Sunday after receiving complaints from residents over the proliferation of the Illegal lot-

dent of the Association of Barangay Councils of San Fabian, denied any involvement in supposed jueteng operations in Nuc-

have nothing do with that," said

Why don't the good bishop focus on his province and try to find who is the real person behind justing there?" he said. "Maybe some people in that province are just using my name to mislead the bishop."

Villena also named a Jojo Casabar, a Joe Aleta and a Colonel Abelion as the alleged maintainers of the illegal numbers game and in charge of the "payola" purportedly for local

The person in charge of personnel and bet collectors and supervisors was one Alex Mauricio,

"General (Arturo) Lomibao or they are corrupt or they are

(Philippine National Police chief) himself confirmed to me that he is quite familiar with the names ! mentioned," Villena told the la-QUARER on Sunday.

The bishop blamed some provincial and pouce officials, who, he said, are "mept," "cor-rupt" and were "greedy for (bribe) money," for the proliferation of justeng.

"If there are inept (police officials), then more than that, we have inept political officials. If the (PNP) and the local officials will work together in all seriousness, I am sure jueteng will never thrive." he said.

But if they are in connivance.

weaklings, they jueteng," he added.

He also questioned why Vice Gov. Jose Gambito, in Wednesday's session of the provincial board, supposedly got irked when board members pushed for the approval of resolutions on the illegal gambling operations in the province.

Board members had moved for the passage of separate resolutions condemning the jueteng activities and summoning Semot Supt. Rogelio Damazo, acting provincial police director.

Gambito, however, denied that he blew his top during the session, and clarified that he "blocked only the resolution of condemnation, not the summous."

"I only gave a lecture, te ing (the board members) that no one among us is faultless, (and that) they should not pretend to be clean because everyone got his or her share at one time or the oth er," he said.

Sought for comment, Damazo stopped short of telling Villena to file a complaint against the aileged maintainers.

Let those people who implcated these (alleged) maintainers operators, and the others in volved to come to my office and give statements of facts" he said in a text message to the Inquirer

Melvin Gascon with a report from Yolanda Sotelo-Fuertes, PDI Northern Luxon Bureau

Gov wants Bulusan folk permanently moved out

SORSOGON CITY-SORSOGON Gov. Rad. Lee is pushing for the permanent settlement of evacuees out of the permanent danger zone (PDZ) areas of Mt Bulusan.

"We could only put to rest the assue of uncertainty that goes with the unpredictability of the Mt. Bulusan if we relocate and provide permanent resettlement to famihes affected. We cannot go on like this for a prolonged period, given the government resources," Lee told the Inquirer on Sunday.

He said the provincial government was mobilizing all the resources it had to respond to the situation of Mt. Bulusan but, he said, this could not be sustained.

Mayor Ma. Theresa Guab-Fregata of Juban, the most affected area, said the permanent resettlement of fam.hes within the PDZ was a welcome solution.

Relocation sites

Guab-Fragata said she had already identified initially the possible relocation sites outside the PDZ that included the viliages of Lahoy, Tughan, Embarcadero and Tabok

The Philippine Armospheric, Geophysica, and Astronomical Services Administration (Pagasa) said rains are to continue around the volcano although tropical storm "Domeng" is

Guab Fragata said it would be very diffical, for the local government unit (LGU) of Juban to carry out the permanent resettiement of families without support

from the national government Guab-Pragata said their LGU could only do so much to meet the requirements of resettling 192 farming families residing in the villages of Puting-Sapa and Aniog, the villages within the lahar path.

She said it would entail comprehensive planning to permanently JUBAN, SORSOGON-NO ONE rity stage but the farmers were resettle farming families because they will be appropried from their places where they earn their livelshood so that providing them new sources of income is a tall order aside from the expected costs of building them new homes.

Insufficient funds

Guab-Fragata said operations to protect residents are draining the town's funds.

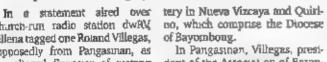
She said calamity funds are disbursed on a quarterly basis and that what they have to spend now must not go beyond 5 percent of the internal revenue aliotment of the LGU.

She said even the reality of resettime the affected families out of the PDZ areas had dawned on her when she observed that the evacuees feared returning to their homes.

The mayor said the voicanic activity had displaced their reguar governance operations.

She said the permanent resettlement of almost 200 families is the big challenge now when the local government has only P1,2 million calamity funds left this year.

Mayor Edwin Hamor of Casiguran town also welcomed the suggestion of the governor, saying he would endorse to the town council the approval of establishing a reset-Jement area for the families within the danger zone. Juan Escandor Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau



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ROUNDUP

Mangyan NPA gives up

LUCENA CITY—A Mangyan tribesman and a member of the communist New People's Army on Mindoro Island surrendered to government forces last Tuesday, the military said. Army Maj Jose Broso, spokesperson of the military's Southern Luzon Command dentified the Mangyan rebel as Rolly. Eugoso alias "Ka Mai" eportedly a key member of the NPA's Kirusang Larangang Gerilya-Isla Command based on the island. The rebel returnee turned turneelf in to 211. Orville Lapada, commander of Charlle Company of the Army's 80th Infantry Battalloc

Ballio T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

2 soldiers in pilferage

ZAMBOANGA CITY-A ranking Army official and a sergeant were arrested in connection with the pifferage of ammonition inside the military's Southern Command headquarters here, the military announced yesterday Col. Antonio Supriet, Southern Command's oblet of staff, said that Maj. Rauline Diploma, an ammunition officer and Sgt. Benido Camacino, a supply officer, were caught in possession of a large amount of amountains on Tuesday during a surprise inspection. Diploma and Damacino are both assigned to the 9th Forward Service Support Unit (FSSU) of the Army Support Command (ASCOM) here. Southern Command chief May Gen. Gabriel Habacon said it was May Gen. Ernesto Boac ASCOM commander, who sought assistance in connection with suspected pill Range at the munitions warehouse here. Damacing turned over 500 rounds of cal. A5 bullets when he learned he was being investigated

Julie S. Alipala, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Labor chief guest speaker

SAN PABLO CITY-New Labor Secretary Arturo D. Brion will be the guest of bonor and speaker at a samular for the San Pablo City Tripartite Industrial Peace Council to be hald here on July 7 at the session hall of the Sangguni ang Panlungsod at the City Hall compound here Romulo O Ponte, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Mindoro adopts Tiangco

CITY OF CALAPAN -- After the GMA 7 Kapuso Foundation "adopted schools" under the Department of Education's program, veterar broadcast er Mei Tlangco toundation executive vice president and chief operations officer, was declared adopted daughter of Orlental Mindoro, according to a resolution passed on June 14 by the provincial board. The municipal board of Mansalay town, southern part of the province, also thanked the GMA 7 Kapuso Foundation for turning over 36 classrooms— 12 new and 24 repaired—to seven public elementary schools in the municipality. The classrooms were inaugurated on June . 4

Madonna Virola, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Police impound log cargo

GENERAL SANTOS CITY-Police Tuesday haid a cargo truck loaded with 7.000 board feet of lumber on suspicion the shipment was illegal inspiration Chartie Saladas, Tinagacan police precinct chief, said the lumber came from Davao Oriental. He said that initially, the driver and the helper of the truck fold them that the cargo consisted of fertilizers. Saladas said they demandad documents after finding out the cargo were lamber. Ha said the driver presented "questionable documents" prompting the police to impound the

Aquiles Z. Zonio, PDI Mindanao Buresu

to spew ash and debris although volcanologists said a major eruption was not unminent yet. Future of Sorsogon veggie farmers bleak after ash fall

still can say what awaits vegetables farmers here in the future once Bulusan Volcano hibernates again, except that it will certainly be a break one for them.

Josefino Gripon, president of the Puting-Sapa Upland Farmers Association, said their farms had amost been wiped our by the thick ash fall from the volcano, save for about half a hectare.

"Many of our members derive livelihood solely from these vegetable farms, which are now blanketed by ashes," Gripon said.

Frequent rains failed to wash off the ashes deposited on the plants despite the lapse of six days after the last explosion the Inquire observed when it visited the area.

Vegerable farms in Puring-Sapa cover a total land area of at least 30 bectares, divided in varying sizes among the familles residing in the barangay, Gripon added.

Most of the farmers plant pechay, eggplant, sweet potato, ampalaya and other east croos that are easy to market.

In Barangay Aniog, farmers are not as locky, said village chief Felimon Buban, himself a vegetable

Nothing was saved from the his constituents when the vol-

nine-hectare land being tilled by cano exproded. Buban said many of the plants

were aready approaching main-

unable to harvest.

CHILD evacuees peer out of a door of the Sorsogon provincial nursery where they were moved out of the

way of ahar and a possible eruption of Bulusan. Thousands have been evacuated as the volcano continues

Corazon Liao, a mother of 10, said their farm is now a total loss since most of their plants were just starting to either bear fruit or approach maturity.

They are now staying at the evacuation center.

Gripon and Buban were one in saying that they didn't worry much about the daily sustenance of their constituents yet as most of them were now housed in various evacuation centers.

But after this calamity has died down, what then?" they asked.

Liao said this early they were already starting to think of possible sources of capital to be used in rehabilitating their farm but they could not come up with a sure one. "We put in at least P5,000 from

the proceeds of the last cropping as capital, but now it's gone," she said. Buban said at least P30,000 to P40,000 was needed to develop a

one-becrare farm. Municipal agriculturist Renato Escore said the municipal government usually gives out vegetable seeds to the farmers under its

food security program-Mayor Tess Guab-Fragata said the plight of the farmers would be included in the relief and rehabilitation plan that the LGU will come up oure the danger from the volcano has waned. Bobby Q. Lobalan, PDI Southern Luson Bureau



A PHIVOLCS staffer uses a precise leveling instrument to detect the movement of magma on the crater. of Bubisan. The volcano has spewed ash and rocks that are now in danger of being washed down as rains NUNO JESUS CRIBETAPOI SOUTHERN LUZON BLIBEAL

Across the NATION

Conflict tears apart Pinatubo housing settlers

test case for 24 Mt. Pinatubo resettlements in Central Luzon. several settlers at the Madapdap resettlement in Mabalacat, Pampanga, have asked the Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLLRB) here to dissoive their homeowners association (HOA) over alleged misuse of funds.

Monday's pre-trial failed to proceed as the Madapdap HOA officers has yet to formally reply to the May 18 complaint filed by the settlers, HLURB regional legal officer Jose Atencio said.

Madapdap HOA president Fernando Cabaiza reported receiving the copy of the complaint on June 17 and invoked the right to reply within 20 days from there-

Madapdap is the biggest housing site that government built for residents displaced by Mt. Pinetubo's 1991 eruptions.

Records from the defunct Mt. Pinatubo Commission showed that at least 7,282 homes had been built there. Located in Barangay Dapdap, the site hosts about 45,000 people, mostly from Bacolor and Porac towns in

Atencio said that while the HLURB would settle the assue of alleged noncompliance of the Madapdap HOA with the agency's rules on reporting and transparency, the complaint brought an underlying issue affecting other HOAs in Pinatubo sites.

It concerns this Between the HOAs and the barangay councils, which has greater authority in the affairs and resources of the reset-

Recent events showed that the conflict was more pronounced in jos, PDI Central Luson Desk

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO-IN A the case of Madapdap, and the complaint at the HLURB appeared to be a mere offshoot of

> For one, the Madapdap HOA asserted its right to possess a multipurpose hall being used by the barangay council. When Dapdap Barangay Captain Javier Taruc refused to give that up on the basis that it remained for public use, he got a three-month preventive suspension from the town coun-

> Based on a resolution by the town council, Mayor Marino Morales on June 23 suspended Tarue for six months for abuse of

Taruc said that although the HOA had been organized by the MPC in 2001, it has not been fully operational since. He said the barangay council has attended to the sanitation and health services as well as peace and order concerns of the settlers since their transfer there in 1996.

Dapdap used to have only less than 1,000 families before the rransfer, he said.

In 2004, he said the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council, which took over the MPC's unfinished tasks, transferred the jurisdiction of the resettlements to the local govern-

The complainants said the "existence of the HOA does not serve the needs and interest of the residents of the Madapdap resettle-

The complainants did not say, however, if they wanted to form a new HOA or yield the management of the resettlement to the barangay council. Tonette Ore-



SULU villagers welk on the beach of Parang town unmindful of a high technology vessel of the US Navy docked several hundred meters off shore. The joint Venture was brought to the province to help in the operations of the hospital ship USNS Mercy that provided free medical and dental services to known lairs of terrorist groups in Mindanao.

Women crew members can't work on US Navy vessel

ZAMBOANGA CITY-LIKE ANY other ship, the High Speed Vessel (HSV) Joint Venture of the United States Navy is a "she" but its commander said it was not intended for female Navy per-

The vessel, which has a speed of about 30 knots per hour, is being used to transport equipment

and personnel. It recently docked here to deliver school and medical supplies for the US military medical misson that offered free medical and dental services to residents of Tawi-Tawi and Basilan, known lairs of the terrorist group Abu

HSV Joint Venture chief Commander Thomas Shaw said the vessel has about 80 crew mem-

"But it's an all male crew,"

Explaining why the vessel has no female crew member. Shaw said it would be difficult to accommodate members of the other sex because of the

way the vessel was built.

"The ship is too small. Its spaces are made to handle males only. It would not be possable for men and women to I ve in such small spaces together,"

Shaw said they were not discriminating against female Nevy personnel but "we don't have any accommodation for them

He said even the showers were constructed in a way fitted for

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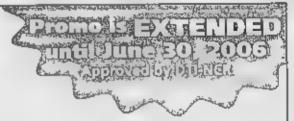
"It's wide open. So just imagine (If a female takes a bath)," he

US Navy Commander Katy Wright, public affairs officer of the Joint Special Operations Task Force Philippines (JSOTFP), said female crew members could be accommodated in many Navy

She said the US Navy was not discriminating against women.

"Except for this ship," Shaw said in Jest. Julie S. Alipala, PDI Mindanao Bureau







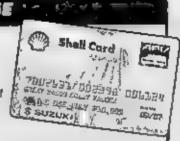
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Cops kill 3 hijacking suspects in gunfight

CAMP VICENTE LIM LAGUNA-Three suspected hijackers were killed in a clash with elements of the Traffic Management Group (TMG) of the Calabarzon ponce in Padre García, Batangas early Monday, police said.

Senior Supt. Francisco Don Montenegro, Batangas police director, said the slain men remarned unidentified

Montenegro said two of the suspects died on the spot while the other died while being rushed to a nearby hospital.

"We are still checking on the identities of the suspects," Montenegro said in a text message to the INCURER.

Montenegro said that a few hours before the clash took place at around 3 a.m., they received information that a truck containing P2.5 million worth of Bear Brand milk products was forcibly taken by armed men in Cabuyao, Laguna.

Tied, heads covered

He said the suspects left the truck driver and his helper inside a Toyota Corolla car in Barangay Tiquiwan in Rosario town.

The driver and the helper were tied and their heads were covered by bonnets," he said.

Senior Insp. Michael Saturnino, head of the special operations group of TMG-Calabarzon, said their operations center at this camp received a phone call about the hijacking in Cabuyao.

Upon the instruction of their chief, Semor Supt. Joel Orduña, Saturnino said police immediately scoured the main exit and entry points of delivery trucks in Laguna, Cavite and Batangas provinces.

"After we received information that the hyacked truck was seen somewhere in Batangas, we quickly alerted all police units in the area. We then learned that the subject truck was in Padre Garcia," Saturnino told the INQUIRER.

He said at a checkpoint along a dunly road in Barangay Castillo at around 3 a.m., they noticed at least three men talking at the back of a parked six-wheel truck.

When the police rried to check on the men, the suspects allegedly fired at them, triggering the gunlight.

"We were left with no other option but to shoot back," Saturnino said.

At least two other suspects were able to escape, he said

He said recovered from the crime scene were the hijacked ruck and an Isuzu Trooper beheved to have been used as the read vehicle of the suspects.

Found from the suspects were SUBIC an M-16 rifle, a 45-cal, pistol and a 38-cal revolver.

Saturnino said the suspects belonged to the Mejas highway robbery group that preys on trucking companies in Calabarzon and nearby rowns in Metro Manila

Marlon Ramos, PDI Southern Luxon Bureau



IUNKYARD It's a day's work completed for two children in a juniqued shop in Benguet. The children had just finished collecting recyclable materials from trask piles around La Trinidad town, the country's vegetable capital, and deposited these for sorting in a junkyard. They do this to help their families cope with daily needs.

Ma appeals to son's kidnappers: He's sick:

COTABATO CITY-THE MOTHER of an 11-year-old boy who was abducted in Parang, Maguindanao has appealed to her son's captors to free him "because he is sick and we are not capable of paying any

Analyn Degracia, mother of Chris Kurt, Grade 6 pupil at the Sarmiento Central Pilot School, said her son is also suffering from

"Have mercy on us, please free my son, we have suffered sleepiess nights, my son's grandma was hospitalized because of what had happened," Analyn said in between sobs over Church-run radio station dxMS.

"Even if you demand ransom, we cannot pay," she added.

The victim's family still has to receive word from the abductors.

Three gunmen on board a blue car entered the school campus at about 2 p.m. on Priday. One of them barged into the classroom of Grade 6 teacher Myrna Bueno and poked a gun at her, telling her not to make any move. Two other armed men seized Kurt who was surprised and cried, yelling for help. The teacher attempted to intervene but was pushed away by one of the suspects.

Bueno, Knrt's class adviser, said she did not notice the approaching gunmen as she was

writing on the blackboard.

Immediately, the suspects forced the boy into a getaway car and sped toward North Cotabaro.

Responding policemen and Parang Mayor Talib Abo found the car partly burned in Pigcawayan, North Cotabato.

The Degracies, owner of hardware stores in Parang, lost a daughter due to dengue early this year and the couple is yet to recover from the loss when Kurt, the eldest of two siblings, was abducted.

"The wound (of losing a daughter) is yet to heal, and now here's another wound," Analyn said in Filipino.

Kidnappings in some parts of

the Mindanao have been blamed on the terrorist group Abu Sayyaf, but some of the bigger cases were believed to be the work of the Pentagon Gang.

Kidnapping carries a penalty of death but the capital punishment was aboushed when President Macapagal-Arroyo signed into

law a bill removing .t. The Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MiLF) said it sees more killings of critics of the Arroyo administration following the abolition of the death penalty.

Khaled Musa, MILF committee on information deputy chief, made the prediction Monday as summary executions continue in

the country

Musa also said the number of hemous crimes would rise dramatically because the deterrent to such crimes has been abolished.

Republic Act No. 7659, of the Death Penalty Law, was re-imposed by Congress in 1993, and Republic Act No. 8177, prescribes death by rether injection for those convicted of hemous crimes

The abolition of capita, punishment benefited more than 1,200 death-row convicts—including at least 11 al-Qaida-linked militants. Jeoffrey Maitem, PDI Mindanao Bureau and Edwin O. Fernandez, PDI Mindongo Bureau

Subic investors wary over killing of businessman in freeport

group of investors has expressed atarm over the recent ambushkilling of a businessman and his aide inside the freeport, saying it has caused tension in the bustness community.

Jimmy Vicente, secretary general of the Automotive Rebuilders Association of Subic (Aris), said

BAY FREEPORT-A the murder of Uldarico Tubig. 45, and his security aide, Rommel Pineda, had frightened Subic lo-

> Vicente said Tubig worked as a broker for at least 85 percent of companies selling used vehicles here. Anybody here has a reason to be wary and fearful," Vicente

day by five gunmen in Tubig's of See on Boton Highway Apother security aide, Dan Gann, survived the attack.

Police investigators are eyeing business rivalry and personal grudge as motives of the attack.

Jose Calimam, senior deputy administrator for operations of

the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA), said port security had already been beefed up. "We have intensified security

measures as we continue to hunt down the suspects," Caumlim said. "We have deployed more mobile patrols." He said police had identified

the suspects but decimed to

Organic farming focus

The license plate number of the car used by the assailants had also been identified, he said

"SBMA security personnel reported that the getaway car never exited the freeport and it is likely that it is still here," he said

Allan Macatuno, PDI Central Luzon Desk

8-YEAR EXCESS CHARGES

Ilocos power cooperative to return P102M

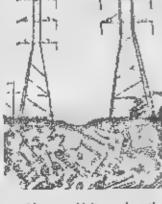
LADAG CITY-MORE THAN A year after it was found to have overcharged Its consumers by P102 million, the electric cooperative here has agreed to refund consumers for an eight-year period beginning September this year

The Locos Norte Electric Cooperative (Inec) has been under criticism from power consumers que to its alleged refusal to return the amount, which the Energy Regulation Commission said it overcharged from 1996

Lorenzo Rey Ruiz, president of the Inec board of directors, said the delay in complying with the refund order was a result of several clarificatory petitions that inec had submitted with the ERC in the manner of paying power coa-

au mers 'After a very difficult decision and in response to public ciamor, we have decided to return the amount to our consumers for a period of 102 months," Rulz said during a special board meeting last Friday.

"We did not deliberately cause the detay. We asked the ERC to



provide us a guideline on how the refund can be implemented because the order was stlent on the time frame (within which to begin payment) and who would be covered (by the refund)," Rutz

He said the cooperative would also withdraw its petition that it had filed with the ERC seeking a payment scheme of 20 years, which would begin after a live-year moretorium

Based on the ERC order released in May last year, Incc.

consumers as soon as it received the order for a period of 150 months

Inec, however, filed a petition in Pebruary this year inquiring on the manner and period of payment and the number of beneficiaries of the refund. The ERC has yet to act on the petition

"We do not wish to alienate lnec from our consumers. We are taking action upon ourselves and decided to implement the refund without waiting for ERC's reply to our petition," Rulz said.

He brushed aside speculations that Inec's swift action was a result of constant pressure that Ilocos Norte Gov. Perdinand Marcos Jr. applied on the cooperative.

Marcos had publicly admonished linec officials for their alleged deliberate attempt to delay the payment.

The board said the refund would take effect not later than September, noting that there was a need to look into the number of consumers that are entitled to the amount and the

would have started paying its mode of payment whether in the form of cash or a rebate on consumers' bills.

> Romillas Pascual, Inec general manager, said not all 105,372 consumers are enricled to the amount, noting that the period when there was excess in collections started only in 1996.

> "We need to reconcile our records so that only those entitled to the amount shall receive payments," he said.

> Pascual said the over recovery of power rates cropped up as a result of varying formula in computing power rates under the power purchase adjustment from the then Energy Regulation

> "This problem of overcharging is not specific to lines. Other coop-eratives are similarly situated," he added

Board member Jeffrey Nalupts, who was assigned to study the payment scheme, said the board would have to look into fner's financial records and identify where the refund shall be drawn so that the cooperative will not end up insolvent. Gristina Artadon, PDI Northern Lason Bureau

of Benguet school rites LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET- duced crops were being grown in Billed as the country's first organic farming university, the Benguet State University (BSU) made or-

ganic agriculture a major part of ics 90th foundation day celebra tion, which started yesterday. Organically produced vegetables

are on display up to June 30, and guesta could enjoy two of the school's major treats—a taste of organic tea or coffee and a tour of the so-carled "Seven Healing Gardens." Dr. Rogelio Colting, BSU presi-

dent, said the weeklong celebration would showcase, among other achievements, the school's effores to help Cordillera farmers shift to organic farming.

We intend to serve organic drinks, like tee and coffee produced from the school's farms, to selected guests," he said.

The production of organic arablea coffee and herbal tea will show our commitment to organic farming since we intended to go large scale in the production of or ganic vegetables, meals and snacks in the future," Colring said.

Dr. Marlene Attnyso, dean of the BSU's College of Agriculture, said seven major organically pro-

the Seven Healing Gardens.

It is called a healing garden because of the positive energy one would receive from the aroma or scent of the plants," she stud. "And the fact that they are grown organically will make the consumers healthy."

Set on a 200-sq m lot, the gardens grow six crops separately in six areas flowers, cacrus, fruit trees, herbs, vegetables and salad greens.

The seventh garden is actually the "spirulina pond" at the center. The pond is shaped "7." The spiruttna is a single cell alga that promises medicinal values, including cancer cure, Arinyao said.

Christopher Deponio, the gar- ** den manager, said all the crops were being grown without the help of synthetic inputs, such as fertilizers, pesticides and insecticides.

Colting said the school had to consider becoming an organic farming university because of the demands of globalization.

"Our farmers have to learn organic, agriculture strate it is the only means " they could compete with the arrival a of foreign products brought about by ... free trade," he said. Delmar Caruio, 4 PDI Northern Luxon Bureau

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THE PHILIPPINES IS RIFE WITH the ingredients for an AIDS dis-

aster: an active sex industry that draws foreign tourists, with the

church's stance against contra-

expures contributing to relative-

But it hasn't happened-at least not yet. No one is cailing it a success story, however. Some officials worry that the sprawling archipelago may just have been just lucky so far with a number of factors contributing to keeping down the number of HIV/AIDS cases, while others fear that actual cases are greater than

The national AIDS registry listed 2,499 confirmed HIV infections and AIDS cases in January 1984-April 2006. The Department of Health estimated the actual number of people with HIV/AIDS at 11,168 this year-a tiny number for a country with a population of 85

A joint study by the World Health Organization and the Health Department in 2000 said the low prevalence of HIV/AIDS could possibly be attributed to many sex workers having only a few regular partners and that the majority of the male

It said also only a few males engaged in anal sex and the number of injecting drug users is small, in addition, almost all Filipmo males are circumcised—which some researchers believe cut. down on transmission of HIV—and the country is an archipelago of more than 7,000 islands, ham-

The Health Department's latest estimate may still be a "conservative figure," according to Dr. James Piad, a medical specialist with the Philippine National AIDS Council, which plots counter-AIDS strategies for the country and has warned of

Right now, what we see is that it is increasing among the high-risk groups in the Philippines—commercial sex workers, their clients, injecting drug users and men who have sex with

men," he said, noting that sexual intercourse accounted for 86 percent of all infections.

A UNAIDS report released recently said the "very limited epidemic" in the Philippines could turn bad as a result of low condom use, high levels of sexually transmitted infections and rising numbers injecting drug users who share needles. "If it (the number of cases) is really low, well and good, but it is scary to think that that is only what we see though we have all the conditions that could actually trigger an epi-

demic," said Mara Quesada, program officer

for the nongovernment organization Action for Health Initiatives. "We only want that we

don't trear he numbers as a license to be lax." A survey last year showed an average of on ly 57 percent of female sex workers in 10 key Philippine cities used condorus consistently.

About 12 percent of sexually active men ages 15-24 used condoms the first time they had

There is also widespread lack of knowledge

about HIV/AIDS, with 60 percent of young

people surveyed in 2002 saying they were in-

Dr. Eric Tayag, director of the National Epv-

demiology Center, said he was aware that agencies and AIDS prevention groups may be

watching out for the "cipping point" that will

counseling centers and laboratories where people who suspect they have HIV will be en-

couraged to undergo rapid testing and re-

ceive immediate counseling if found positive. The government also is stocking up on anti-

Health workers and AIDS activists agree

that one major obstacle to getting a cleater

picture of the actual situation in the country, and thus prevent the further spread of the disease, is the stigma attached to HTV/AIDS. Pied of the National AIDS Council said the stigma can turn violent, citing a case where vil-

tagers tried to burn down the house of a couple

who died of AIDS with their three young chadren inside in Pampanga province. In another a man barely escaped a tynch mob that drave

ping point, we are addressing," he said. He said the government plans to establish

"But instead of looking for the tipping point everything that may give rise to this tip-

vulnerable to the disease.

drive an epidemic.

retroviral drugs, he said

Roman Catholic

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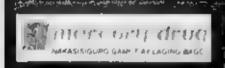
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him out of his home in Manila after the local community leader learned he had HIV. The strong influence of the Roman Catholic church also prevents more people from using condoms because it has equated it with contraception and promoting sex, Piad said. AP



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NBI nabs 2 alleged gun suppliers of robbery gangs



NATIONAL Bureau of Investigation officials present to media Salvador Morante and Reynaldo Marzan, alleged members of a syndicate supplying firearms to armed robbery By Margaux C. Ortiz

TWO MEMBERS OF A SYNDIcate allegedly supplying guns to armed robbery groups and teen gangs were arrested by agents of the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) while selling highpowered handguns to an undercover agent last Saturday in Sampaloc, Mamla.

Suspects Salvador Morante and Reynaldo Marzan, both of Cristobal Street, Sampaloc, Manu-la, now face charges of illegal possession of firearms before the City Prosecuror of Manila, according to NBI acting director Nestor Mantaring

Mantaring said five Magnum 22 revolvers, two 38 caliber revolvers and a .45 railber pistol were seized from the suspects

during the buy-bust operation.
The handguns confiscated

from the suspects are very powerful," Mantaring said in a press conference at the NBI yesterday.

He added that the .22 caliber revolvers, a favorite weapon of robbers and teen gangs, could easily be concealed during criminal activities.

Regional Director Ruel Lasala, NBI National Capital Region (NCR) Office, said a member of an armed robbery group operating in Metro Manila had informed the bureau that his accomplices and their rivals bought their firearms from the suspects.

"Our-of-school reenagers based in Sampaloc and Tondo, Manila, who styled themselves after African-American gangsters in the United States, also bought guns from Morante and Marzan and frequently used these during their violent confrontations, Lasala said.

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Unlicensed recruiter arrested Soldiers hired to work in Iraq, Afghanistan

By Margaux C. Ortiz

AN UNLICENSED FILIPINO-AMERIcan labor recruiter was arrested in an entrapment operation last Saturday for sending more than a hundred retired or AWOL (absent without official leave) soidiers, including two colonels, to work in the war-torn country of Iraq in 2004 National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) acting director Nestor Mantaring identified the suspect as Mark Rae Vil-

Avenue in Zapote, Las Piñas City.

During the operation, the NBI discovered that the suspect was also reportedly recruiting Filiptnos for department to Afghanistan as para-multary personnel. There is a government ban on the hiring of workers for deployment to leaq and Afghanistan

An investigation conducted by the NBI Special Action Unit revealed that the suspect had recruited complainants US\$1,500 as war compensation. They source added.

no Dimacutae, Wilson Flores, Romeo Kalaw Jr., Nestor Mora, Efren Poster, Benjamin Rempis Jr., and Richard Saplala in March 2004 who were rold that they would guard US-owned buildings and installations in Iraq with a monthly salary of US\$1,000

After six months, the complainants came home and learned that they were entined to receive an additional national Airport in Cebu City, the

acruzes, a resident of 1335 E Santos Leonado Battalez, Romeo Borela, Aveli- said they tried but failed to contact Villacruzes to ask him about the extra pay. The suspect faces charges for violation of the Migrant Workers and Overseas Filipinos Act of 1995. Meanwhile, a recruitment agency official who declined to be identified, said US contractors had been tapping soldiers and policemen to work in traq. The hired men leave the country via the Mactan Inter-



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What happened to park steel marker, benches?

METROBRIEFS

Singer's concert cancelled

"TELL me quando, quando, quando," Fans of British pop singer Englebert Humperdinck are probably asking this question after his concert today at the Araneta Colissum was cancelled. Viva Entertainment, which is mounting the concert, announced the postponement on Sunday the day * the singer was supposed to arrive in the country

According to Viva, the singer was suddenly taken III. Ticket holders were advised to hold on to their lickets, which will be honored when the show finafly pushes through. A new concert date will be announced shortly, the promoter said

Humperdinck has scheduled a series of tours this year to celebrate his 40 years in the mosts industry. His greatest hits include "Please Refease Me" and "Quando, Quando, Quando." Both songs and four other Englehert hits have been transformed into dance beats in his new album "Thunderpuss

Basketball player robbed



SHOOTING guard Chris Galaguio was busy scoring points for his basketball team while his wife and child were watching the game at the Araneta Collseum in Quazon City on Sunday night He scored 13 points helping the San

Miquel Bearmen chalk up another win against Red Boll, bying a best-of-seven series. When the Calagulos came home that night, however, the assorted bags his wife Meral, 28, was selling and several grocery items stored in the kitchen were missing. Their newly-hired helper had also disappeared. PO3 Edwin Arce told

of their heipers, had left their house on Manhattan Street in Provident Village. Marikina City at around 12:30 p.m. They left Joy, whom they had hired only last month, to look after the house. But she and the items were gone when Calagulo and This family returned at 7:30 p.m. "She had been probably waiting for the right time to cart away variables from the house," Arcs added. Edison C.

the inquirer that Calaguio and his family, with one

Woman returns P100,000

EXPECT Lolita Alarcon, a barangay captain in Caloocan City, to be treated like royalty every time she goes to the LandBank of the Philippines branch on Samson Road. Alarcon, of Barangay 56 Zone 6, went to the bank yesterday to cash a wcheck for P126,210. When the bank teller gave her the money, which represented her allowance, as web as that of other barangay officials and voiunteers, she left the bank. When Alarcon got home, however, she discovered that the bank teller had given her P226,210. Alarcon promptly returned the money, saying that her parents had raised her to be honest. She only asked for one thing in return; for the bank to exempt her from standing in line the next time she cashes a check Mancy C. Carvajal

DID YOU KNOW

DID you know that the city of Muntinlupa used to be part of Rizal and Laguna?

Muntinlupa was a district of Morong, Rizal, in 1901. Two years later, the Philippine Commission placed it under Biñan, Laguna. Muntinlupa residents, however, including their head, Marcelo Fresnedi, protested and petitioned the Governor General to return Mantinlupa to Rizal province. The request was grant ed in 1905. Muntinlupa became au independent municipality in 1917 and was included in the Metro Manila area in 1975. It was finally proclaimed a city in 1995 by virtue of Republic Act 7926.

Cyril L. Bonabente, PDI Research

By Marganox C. Ortiz

THE PRESIDENT OF A FOUNDATION THAT had acted as caretaker of the controversial Arroceros Park in Manila yesterday reported the removal of their group's steel marker and two benches that had been donated to the park.

The marker was put up in 1994 to give credit to those who created the concept of a forest park in the middle of a busy city." Winner Foundation president Regins Paterno,

She said she and her colleagues were dismayed to see that the marker had been taken down a few days after the inauguration of a two-story teachers' building in the park.

The marker was designed by architect Wilfredo Dizon, then president of the Philippine Association of Landscape Architects," Paterno added. The foundation president added that two concrete benches donated by National Artist Alejandro Roces and former Manila vice mayor Jesus Marcos Roces to the park had disappeared "We could not find the beaches after visiting the park last Sunday," Paterno said. "We fear they would dismantle National Arrist Napoleon Abueva's donated bench

Paterno also said they would be filing a report with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources regarding the loss of additional trees at the park

Manila Mayor Lito Atienza, meanwhile, refused to comment on the issue and referred the Inquires to City Engineer Armand Andres. The official said he was not aware that the two benches Paterno was referring to had dis-

I will replace them if needed," Andres said, explaining that construction work in the park was still ongoing even though the teachers' building had already been completed. As for the marker, Andres said they would move it to a better place inside the park.



MANILA policemen show bomb parts that were detected by their bomb-sniffing dogs during a drill conducted at the police headquarters yesterday.

Scene stealers at cops' antiterrorism drill

TWO BELGIAN MALINOIS AND A Dutch Shepherd were the stars of yesterday's anciterrorism drill at the Manila Police District (MPD) headquarters on United Nations

Chuck, Volta and Tiger of the MPD Explosives and Ordnance Division (EOD) K-9 unit were led by their handlers to two packages strategically placed in the police grounds

After sniffing the packages, the dogs sat down, signifying that the black bag and the box contained explosives, according to MPD di-

rector Chief Supt. Pedro Bulaong

"From time to time, we subject these dogs to drills to test their capability," Bulaong said in an interview. He added that they thought of conducting a drill after National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO) Director Vida. Ouerol issued a terror alert last

"We will also conduct emergency response drills at the headquarters in case of sudden terrorist attacks," Bulaong said

The police thief reminded the public about the proper proce-

dure in clearing areas of possible bombs. "First, the policemen who first respond to the site should cordon off the area with yellow tape," Bulaong said

After the K-9 unit determines the presence of explosives as the dogs had demonstrated during the drill, the EOD members should follow safety procedures in detonating the bomb.

Bulaong said the canines should inspect the site one more time before EOD operatives can declare the area safe. Margaux C.

Week starts with bomb scare for Makati employees

By Tarra V. Quismundo

THE WORKWEER GOT OFF TO A JETtery start yesterday for people working in the Corporate Center, a 26-story building at the corner of Valero and Sedeno Streets in Salcedo Village,

Building officials were forced to order everyone to ger out after someone reported receiving a bornb threat.

SPO3 Edwin Ourlan, officer-in-

charge of the Makati Special Weapons and Tacties (SWAT) team, said police were deployed to the area at around moon following a call for help from the building's security office

Whenever we receive bomb threats, what we do is look for the person who received the call because that's where we begin. But we could not find that person so we decided to begin sanitizing the building," Quilele told the lisquires in a phone interview.

Two bomb-sniffing dogs went through the entire building to search for explosives but found nothing.

Employees were then asked to return in their work stations at around 2 p.m.

Yesterday's incident occurred a week after a bomb went off in front of a scuba shop and training center in Barangay San Antonio, and exactly 20 days after a pullbax was hurled in front of the Yuchengoo-owned Great Pacific Life building on Gil Payat Avenue.

The police said they are closing in on the suspect in the explosion in front of the Aquaventure diving shop. They said they had also identified the owner of the motorcycle, which was seen fleeing from the scene with two men on board, seconds before the blast

Southern Police District director, Chief Supt. Wilfredo Garcia, however, withheld the suspect's name as they were still conducting follow-up opera-

Recruit mountain tribes to fight NPA

HERE'S A SUGGESTION TO PRESIdent Arroyo on how to lick the New People's Army in Mindanao: Recall former renegade Col. Alexander Noble from renrement and have him regroup his 2,000-man army of natives.

Muslim tribes, are highly trained in guerrilla warfare. They know the island's terrain better than the military's elite troops and the NPA.

Many of these natives took part in the Mindanao rebellion led by Noble in

These natives, when completely armed, could deprive the NPAs of their natural sanctuary in the mountains of

The 2,000 natives can multiply five times their original number with new recruits from among the mountain people The President might want to set aside

part of the PI billion for Noble's "army." Using mountain tribal people in Min-

dango against the NPA is not new. In the 1980s, the Mandaya tribe of the Davao-Cocabato mountain range fought

Ramon Tulfo the NPA after its leader was murdered by

On TARGET

communist rebels. The communist guerrillas were no march for the mountain people who were armed by the govern-

The NPAs learned a lesson from the Mindanao experience. They have since smoked the peace pipe with mountain tribes who leave them alone. If Noble's army of tribal people are re-

crutted to run after the NPAs in the menuntains of Mindanao, the communist rebels will have to go down to the lowlands and into the arms of government

What kind of administrative hearing against erring teachers do they have at the Department of Education?

Tomas Gayatao, 40, science teacher at he Bagong Baryo Elementary School in laloocan City, was found guilty by his you to file the case in roun? eers of raping a 10-year-old pupil last

The girl was Gayatao's pupil. He forced the girl into the school's toiler and molested her there.

You know what penalty the DepEd's National Capital Region meted out to

Gayatao? A six-month suspension! My gawd, half a year's suspension for

raping his 10-year-old pupil And you know the reason given by the DepEd NCR's for giving Gayatao a light

penalty? It was his first offense! Maria santisimo! Following that logic, Gayatao would have to rape some more pupils for him to be booted out of the

Meanwhile, the Caloocan City Prosecutor's Office is taking its own sweet time in conducting a preliminary investi gation on the rape case filed by the girl's father against Gayatao.

The case was filed in the middle of last year, but up to now the investigating prosecutor has not yet filed NPA?

Mr. Prosecutor, what will it take for

Jeepney driver Ricky Anore was beaten up and threatened with a gun by Manila porice PO1 Romeo Flores In Tondo, Manila recently

Flores, a newcomer in the Tondo neighborhood, is a troublemaker when he gets drimit, according to his neighbors and barangay officials.

The reason why he beat up Anore was not known. The cop probably wanted to show his new neighborhood who was

Not content with beating up and poking his gun at Anore, Flores took him to

Station No. 1 in Tondo The tovestigator at the station tramediately sided with Flores and booked him for assault and illegal possession of firearm even though barangay officials

You still want to know why more and more citizens are sympathizing with the

were trumped up

swore that the charges against the driver

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A pre-bid conference will be held on June 30, 2005 at 10:00 s.m., at the Board Room. All bids submitted must be accompanied by a bid security, in cash or casher's check, in the ount equivalent to 2-1/2% of the amount of bid. This bid security shall be write for at least 150 days, starting from the date of bid opining

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By Jocelyn R. Uy

PASSENGERS ARRIVING AT THE Ninoy Aquino International and Manila Domestic airports will now be greeted with "Welcome to Pasay City, Metro Manila" instead of the usual "Welcome to Mani-

The Pasay City council has passed on third and final reading an ordinance that requires flight attendants and other airport empacyees to use the new greeting as a pitch for visitors to the city or "balikbayans."

Any airport employee who violates the law will be fined 9500 or imprisoned for not more than 15 days, depending on the court's discretion.

According to the councilors, since the domestic and international airports are within the jurisdiction of Passy, not Manila, the new greening was more ap-

ргорпате "It has been observed that pas-



sengers who go in and out of the airport [are] greeted with Weicome to Manila' which deprives the city (of the opportunity) to be known and recognized here and around the world," the ordinance sponsored by Councilor Noel Bayona said.

The new greeting, he added, was also one way of boosting trade and tourism in the city.

An average of five million foreign and local tourists pass through the two sirports every

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Embattled E. Timor PM quits

DILL-EAST TIMOR'S PRIME MINister Mari Alkatin, widely blamed for triggering jest month's bloody unrest, resigned on Monday in a move expected to ease tensions in the impoverished nation.

The announcement sparked jubilation on the streets of the violencehir capita. Dili, where truckloads of protestors cruised the streets waying red yellow and brack East Tim- 73 orese flags with homs blaring.

The premier had faced demands to quit since late May, when clashes between ponce and Army factions and mob violence killed 21 people and forced nearly 150,000 to flee their homes.

More than 2,200 foreign peacekeepers were deployed to restore order but politica, leaders have since wrangled over how to

The pressure was cranked up to resign if Alkatin would not.



last week when President Xanana Gusmao, a hero of East Timor's independence movement, ordered Alkatin to resign to take responsibittry for the crisis. He threatened ready to resign my position as printe. minister of the government ... so an to avoid the resignation of His Excellency the President of the Republic."

Assuming my own stare of resoonsibility for the casis affecting our country, I am determined not to contribute to any deepening of the crisis," he said, adding that he would stay on as a member of partiament.

"I am ready to dialogue with the president in order to contribute if necessary to the formation of an interim government," he said.

Alkatin did not take questions and it was not immediately clear whether any formal steps needed to be taken to finalize his departure.

On the streets, crowds cheered

"He had no interest in the people's suffering," said 25-year-old

Albatiri feeed the press on Mon-day, telling reporters: "I declare I am monkey bearing the sign "Albatui." "Like the monkey, he didn't

have a mind," Cabut quipped Rosario Bragaza, 24, a passenger in one of the trucks, was equally pleased.

"We're so happy that he has stepped down. He gave out weapons to the people to kill others and he divided the country into two halves," he said, referring to allegations that Alkatari assented to having a hit squad formed to full his opponents.

An Australian documentary purporting to show evidence of Alkatın's involvement triggered Gusmao's nitia, demand that the premier step down.

Alkanin has denied the accusations and East Timor's prosecutor-general has said he has no evidence of his involvement. The former imerior manuter has been



EAST Timor demonstrators, painted white to represent the ghosts of people killed during the recent unrest, celebrate after Alkatiri's resign announcement.

charged over distributing the crim nation against those from

The prime minister is also accused of inggering last month's unrest by dismissing some 600 deserting soldiers in March.

The soldiers-nearly half the narions forces-had complained of dis-

the west of the country.

Alkatiri nitia...y rebuffed Gusmao's demands. His Fretilin party on Sunday refused to withdraw support for him, sparking the resignation of three ministers, including foreign and defense minister Jose Ramos Horta.

Study: Mad cow epidemic may be underestimated

LONDON-PEOPLE COULD BE France, Italy, Ireland, the Netherinfected with the human form of mad cow disease for more than 50 years without developing the idness, which means the size of a potential epidemic may be underestimated, UK scientists said on

So far about 160 people have been diagnosed with variant Creutzfeldt Jakob disease (vCJD) Cases of the fata, disease have also been reported in could be up to 20 years.

lands, Canada, Japan and the United States

Estimates have varied widely of how many people are likely to develop the brain liness caused by eating meat products contaminated with bovine spongiform

encephalopathy (BSE)
It has been difficult to predict due to the long incubation penod, which scientists had thought

But Professor John Collinge and researchers at University College London believe it could be longer and that an eventual epidemic could be bigger.

"Recent estimates of the size of the vCJD epidemic ... could be substantial underestimations. he said in a report in The Lancet medical journal.

The scientists' findings are based on a study of another human disease called kuru, which

prion brain protein.

Kuru reached epidemic proportions in some parts of Papua New Gumea where cannibausm had been practiced up to the 1950s in a ritual where natives are dead relatives as a mark of re-

Collinge and his team calculated the minimum incubation period for kuru based on when canmbalism was stopped and the year

like vCJD is caused by a mutated of birth of the last recorded pa-

According to their calculations, the minimum incubation time ranged from 34-41 years but in men rose to more than 50

They suspect it could be longer for vCJD because the infection was transmitted between species, from cows to humans, which asually takes longer than within the same species

Suicide attack kills top S. Lanka general

COLOMBO, SRI LANKA-A SUI cide homber on a motorcycle blew himself up next to a car carrying a Sri Lanka's third-highest ranking mil ary officer Monday, killing the genera, and the three other people, officials said. Five others were wounded

Authorities quickly blamed the Tamil Tiger rebeis for the blast just outside Colombo, with chief government spokesperson Keheliya Rambukwella saying: "This arrack is a serious blow to the ceasefire."

The blast "carries the hallmark of the LTTE," Rambukwella said, using the initials of the insurgents' formai name, the Liberation Tigers of Tarm. Eelam, who have long used suicide bombers in major attacks.

There was no comment from the rebeis, but a prorebel website reported the attack without com-

Four months of violence have brought Sn Lanka dangerously close to the brink of resuming fulscale civil war, and Monday's blast-e rare attack so close to the capital—came just over two months after the Tigers' tried to kill Sri Lanka's 'op military commander in a suinde bombing in Colombo.

The car carrying Maj. Gen. Parami Kularunga was taking the general to work in Colombo when it was hit by a suicide bomber on a motorcycle, mattary spokesperson Brig. Prasad Samarasinghe said. The attack took place close to Kukitometers (nine miles) southeast of Colombo's city center.

Kulatunga was a hardened combat veteran who had led numerous operations against the rebels in Sri Lanka's northeast, the scene of most of the fighting during nearly two decades of full scale war. AP

US-style bill of rights eyed for UK

LONDON-BRITAIN SHOULD REplace the Human Rights Act with its first modern US-style bill of rights to help fight crime and terrorism, opposition Conservative Party leader David Cameron said on Monday.

The rights act must go, he beneves, because it has created a "curare of rights without responsibilities."

"It has hampered the fight against crime it has caused some extra difficulties in the vita fight against terrorism," he told BBC radio. "It hasn't actually been particularly good at protecting our

The proposals would strike a "common sense balance" between civil liberties and protecting pub-

Britain's human rights laws incorporated the European Convention of Human Rights into British law in 2000. Critics say it has tipped the balance in favor of crimmals.

Cameron, who has overtaken Prime Manister Tony Bizzr in posts after losing the last election in May 2005, admitted it would be difficult to draw up a bill of rights.

He will set up a paner of lawyers and construtional experts to look at the issue.

Under his proposals, Britain would remain a member of the European Convention on Human Rights and British citizens could sull pursue cases at the European Court of Human Rights.

Attorney General Lord Goldsmath, the government's top legal adviser, said Cameron's ideas were misconceived and danger-

"(ir) would lead to more, not less, confusion about the batance between protecting the public and individual liberties," he was quoted as saying in the Daily Mai. Reuters



WILD AND FEROCIOUS

Horses fight during the "Rapa Das Bestas" event in Cedelra, northwestern Spain, June 25. Throughout the summer, hundreds of wild horses are rounded up, trimmed and groomed in different villages in Galicia.

US to deploy Patriot missiles in Japan

TOKYO-JAPAN AND THE JNITED States have agreed to deploy advancec. Patriot interceptor missiles on US bases in Japan for the first time, officials said Monday armid concerns North Korea may test-fire a long-range bausaic missile.

The two sides reached the accord earlier this month and intend to install the weapons as early as possible, a defense agency spokesperson said on conde-

tion of anonymity, citing agency rules.

The plan will put Patriot Ad-Capability-3 bearev si es-designed to intercept ballistic missiles, cruise missiles or enemy aucraft-on US bases in Japan for the first time.

The defense agency spokesperson said sites and timing for the deployment have not yet been de-

But a local newspaper reported that the US military would deploy three or four of the surface-to-air missile batteries on the southern island of Okinawa by the end of the year and send an additional 500 to 600 US troops there. Up to 16 missiles can fit in a single PAC-3 battery, according to the system's menufactures, Lockheed

Martin Corp. The plan was proposed by US

officiais during a June 17 meeting in Hawaii. Japan's largest newspaper Yomium Shimbun reported, quoting unidentified government officials.

The two countries signed an agreement in 2005 allowing Japan to produce PAC-3 missiles for deployment during fiscal. 2006 at Japanese bases, but the plan to deploy them on US bases is apparently separate.

Thousands rally against Taiwan's Chen

TAIPEI-THOUSANDS OF SLOgan-chanting protesters rallied Sunday to push for the resignation of Taiwan's embattled President Chen Shur-bian before a key vote on his politica, fate this week.

Defying the rain and summer heat, demonstrators took to the streets for a third straight weekend, waving banners calling for Chen to step down over a string of corruption scandals that have tarnished his government's image,

Organizers estimated 15,000 people were on hand for the spirited rally, which included a classica Chinese drama n which a judge sentenced to death the sonin-taw of an emperor.

"When the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) was founded nearly 20 years ago, it was clean, but now it is corrupt " said Ma Ying-jeou, head of the leading opposition Knontining (KMT, or Nationalist) party

The people, who gave power to the president, are now enclied to strip till of the power after his family and close friends were found to have taken bribes. They have the right to take back the power, don't Jiey?" Ma said.

'Yes!" the crowd chorused, sounding horns, waving banners and shouting "Alt Bian step down! Clean politics save Taiwant" AFP

Be a man, quit party, Mahathir urged

KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA-A government minister on Monday urged former leader Mahachir Mohamad to be a man and quit the ruling party if he can't stop criticizing his successor's administration

"We cannot take this lying down. Out of respect for h.m (Mahathir) we have kept quiet and not responded. He saw it as our weakness. I don't think we can take a lying down," Nazri A212, the minister in charge of law, told The Associated Press

Nazri's relatiation heightened the festering pouncal row between Mahathir and his handpicked successor, Prime Minister Abdulah Ahmad Badaw

Malunha's recent attacks on Abdulah have raised the specter of a divided ruing party, which

has formed the bedrock of Abdullah of stabbling him in the Malaysia's stability since independence in 1957

Nazn stressed he was speaking in his personal capacity, and did nor consult Abdualah or the ruling United Malays National Organization party before going public with his and Mahathir com-

Nazri's comments to the AR which expanded on a news conference he gave earlier Monday, reflected the growing frustration among many Umno members with Mahathir, who has a largerthan-life presence in the country and is venerated by most

Malaysians. But in the last few weeks, Mabathir has emerged as an unoffcial one-man opposition, accusing ject close to Mahathir's heart.

back and mismanaging the adm.nistration.

"If he continues to remain in the party, he would be like the opposition. It's better for him to be a gantan (man) and leave the party," said Nazri. "It will be very good for the party. He might as well go out of the party and joins an opposirion. Much better for us."

Mahathir, 80, appears to have been angered by several decisions taken by Abdullah's administration that reversed policies made during his 22 year rule, including the scrapping of several large infrastructure projects.

Chief among them was Abdullah abandoning a pian to build a new bridge to Singapore, a pro-

In his latest salvo, Mahathir suggested on Saturday that Abdullah's advisers including his young son-in-law Khairy Jamaluddin were running the coun-

Nazri said Mahathir was breaking his promise not to interfere with the government after retire-

"I think he is going back on all his words and promises," said Nazri. "He chose to hit us in the open. He is really not interested in the problem (afflicting the country) He is interested in attacking the RM, especially."

Nazn said the Umno has no intention of sacking Mahathir from the party, but it would be best if the former leader left voluntarily.



MAHATHIR

The WORLD

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4 Russian envoys 'executed'

Al-Qaida group in Iraq shown killing 2 hostages in video

PARIS-AN INSURGENT COALITION LED BY AL-QAIDA said Sunday it had killed four Russian diplomats held hostage in Iraq and released a gruesome Internet video purportedly showing two of the men being executed.

Allah's rule against the Russian diplomats to comfort the believers," said the statement posted by the Majahedeen killed and another after his murder Shura (consultative) Council in Iraq.

"It is also in revenge for our brothess and sisters and what they suffer of torture, killing and displacement by the infidel Russian government," it added

The videotape linked to the state-

"We present the implementation of ment showed the four hostages speaking in separate messages dated June 13, before two of them were shown being

The first was held on his knees in front of two masked men dressed in black, one of whom produces a knife and beheads the captive. Another body was then shown lying in a pool of blood with its severed head placed on its back.

before being shot in the head with a pistol. The identity of the murdered hostages was not immediately clear nor was there any sign of the fourth captive.

The insurgent alliance said Wednesday that its Islamic court had ruled the four diplomats should be executed after Moscow failed to heed a 48-hour ultimarum to pull out of Chechnya and free Muslim prisoners from Russian jails.

The Russian foreign ministry said it was trying to confirm the killing of its three diplomats.

The ministry of foreign affairs is check-

A third hostage was shown kneeling ing the veracity of the information using handcuffed and blind-folded outdoors every means possible," ministry every means possible," ministry spokesperson Mikhail Kaminine was quoted as saying by the Interfax news agency.

The four are Pyodor Zaytsev, Rinat Aglyulin, Anatoly Smirnov and Oleg Pe-

They were abducted on hime 3 when gunmen attacked their vehicle in the upmarket west Baghdad neighborhood of Mansur. A fifth diplomat, Vitaly Titov. was killed during the kidnapping.

The same group said in an Internet message Tuesday that it had executed two US soldiers whose bodies were found south of Baghdad with their throats slit.

Girls bring glory to Indian village in a nation of boys

By Parul Gupta

JALAHMAJRA, INDIA-BARELY eight months old, Nandini sleeps in her mother's arms, unaware how lucky she is to have been

ONE of four Russian diplomats with his masked

captors in this website image June 25.

For in the northern Punjab state where her village is located, a large number of girls are either killed before birth, or are considered a curse by their parents whose traditional preference for sons remains unshakeable.

With only 798 girls for every thousand boys under the age of six, Punjab has the lowest sex ratio in the country, where the figure is 927, still well below the worldwide average of 1,050 female bables.

Across India there is such a shortage of women that some men have resorted to buying brides from other states.

A study by British medical journal Lancet said this year that india may have lost 10 million anborn girls in the past 20 years, but Indian experts say the figure is not more than five million

But in Jalahmaga, where Nandin, was born, there is an average of 1,020 girls per 1,000 boys, a national aberration that has put the village at the forefront of a campaign to stem the crisis

The distinction also earned the visage an award of 300,000 rupees (\$6,542) by the state government last week, which announced the reward last year to any Punjab village which reports more girls than boys among its population.

Jalahmajra residents say the turnaround is the result partly of a sustained but strict campaign by the region's top administrative official, Krishan Kumar, who heads Nawanshahr district, in



INDIAN mother Sangecta Sidhu and her daughter Nandini in the village of Jalahmajra in Punjub June 13. In northern Punjub state a targe number of girls are either killed before birth, or are considered a curse by their parents. India may base lost 10 million unborn girts in the past 20 years due to the practice.

which the village is located.

"Earlier when a girl was born, people in the streets would ask the mother 'Didn't you undergo a test to know the gender?". That has stopped," says beadteacher Devender Singh, referring to the practice of aborting a baby if & turns out to be a girl

Under Indian law, tests to find out the gender of an unborn baby are illegal if not done for medical reasons, but the practice continues in what activists say is a flourishing

multimillion dottar business.

"Now there is a girl in every house in our village," says Nandini's beaming 24-year-old mother Sangeera Sidhu, who says her family is happy that she and her mason husband Gurdeep now have a "complete" pair of a son and a daughter.

The couple say they want to educate Nandini, and are not worried about arranging a huge sum of dowry for her mar nage one of the main reasons

why parents al phoon girls.

Village head Hari Singh said he year would use the reward money to build a wedding guesthouse, so that residents could save expenses for their daughters' marriages, almost always borne by the bride's family and often on huge

Another 70 of Nawanshahr district's 472 villages are close to achieving the national average of a sex ratio of 927, says district cluef Kumar, who launched the

campaign against abortions last

Under the drive, Kumar mobinzed all voluntary bodies in the state and hundreds of school children in street plays to create awareness in the remotest vil-

Local workers were asked to inform him if any woman was pregnant, so that his officials could give her a cautionary call to convey that the authorities were keeping a watch.

Saddam says US will seek his help in calming Iraq

AMMAN, JORDAN-SADDAM Hussem believes the United States will have to seek his help to quell the bloody insurgency in Iraq and open the way for US forces to withdraw, his chief lawyer said.

Khalil al-Dulaimi argued in an interview with The Associated Press on Sunday that the former leader is the key to returning stability to Iraq.

"He's their last resort. They're going to knock at his door eventually," the lawyer said. Saddam is the only person who can stop the resistance against the US troops."

There is no indication US officials have considered seeking his help. While Saddam's once donunant fellow Sunni Arabs are the backbone of the insurgency, the Shifte Muslim majority and Kurds repressed by his regime would be enflamed by his presence.

The comments from Al-Dulaimi. the head of Saddam's defense team. postrayed a deposed leader who seems to hold out hope he can bargain his way out of trials that threaten him with the death penalty

Al-Duteiry said Saddam brought up the topic during a meeting Tues-day, and indicated he would be wil. ing in help the United States--"for the sake of saving both peopies—the Iraqis and Americans."

He quoted Saddam as saying. "These puppers in the Iraqi govemment that the Americans aight to power are helpless. They can't protect themselves or the tracipeople. The Americans will certainly come to me, to Saddam Hussein's legitimate leadership and to the Iraqi Baath Party, to rescue them from their huge quandary."

Fast-growing China needs foreign pilots

BEIJING-CHINA'S AIRLINES are opening up their cockpits to foreigners in a bid to solve a serious pilot shortage, state media reported on Monday.

China's booming commercial aviation industry is taking off faster than the country can train pilots, threatening future growth and hard-won advances in air safety.

The number of passenger planes in service in China was expected to double to 1,600 in the next five years, the China Daily newspaper quoted an aviation official as saying.

Every 100 new planes would require 1,000 extra pilots, China's industry regulator said in February, while official media estimate that Chinese flying schools can only graduate 600 pilots a year

One pioneering foreigner, Philippe Burtonboy a pilot with United Ragle Airlines Co., one of the country's four private airlines, had become famous, the paper said.

"The 50-year-old Belgian is a celebrity in Chengdu, even though he has been here for just four months, as he is the first forelgn captain to pilot a plane in southwest China," the paper said.

Last month, China Eastern Airlines announced 16 Indians had completed professional training as air stewardesses, the first group of Indian cabin staff ever hared by a Chinese aurline.

World antinarcotics effort working, UN report says

to fight the use of illega, drugs are working but this positive result could easily be reversed, a United Nations drug report said on Mon-

Drug control is working and the world drug problem is being contained," Antonio Maria Costa, head of the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), said upon publication of the 2006 World

"Worldwide efforts to reduce the threat posed by illicit drugs have effectively reversed a quatter-century-long rise in drug abuse that, if left unchecked, could have become a global pandemic," Costa said in a statement released along with the report

The UNODC said there had been major successes in 2005 in

VIENNA-WORLDWIDE EFFORTS Drug Report by his agency is Vi the so-called Golden Triangle of

southeast Asia.

In this region where Burma, Thailand and Laos meet, Burma has reduced opium poppy cultivarion-which can be used to produce heroin, morphine and opium by 26 percent while Lacs cut it by as much as 72 percent and was "on the verge of becoming opium poppy free

In central Asia, in Afghanistan,

which is the world's main producer of opium, poppy cultivation was down for the first time since 2001 but it could go up again this

year, the UNODC report warned

'Afghanistan's drug situation remains vulnerable to reversa. because of mass poverty, lack of security and the fact that the authorities have madequate control over its territory," Costa said, adding that "this could happen as

Cannabis, or manjuana, the world's most widely used drug, has seen a steady increase in consumption over the past decade and this rise in use is continuing, the report said.

Of the 200 million people or five percent of the world's population aged 15-64 who use drugs at least once a year, 162 million use cannabis, 2004 figures show. AFP



NICOLE Kidman and Keith Urban during their candlelit wedding ceremony at Cardinal Cerretti Memorial Chapel in Marsly, Sydney, June 25.

Nicole Kidman marries music star Keith Urban

actress Nicole Kidman began her new life as the wife of country music crooner Keith Urban on Monday, after a romantic twilight ceremony with relauves, close friends and a smattering of Hollywood stars.

The newlyweds were expected to jet off to Fig for their honeymoon on an exclusive isand resort, local media said.

Kidman and Urban exchanged vows Sunday evening by the light of around 1,000 candles at a small chapel overlooking Sydney's iconic Manly beach.

The beaming bride wore a flowing white Balenciaga gown and pearl drop earrings. Her cream Rolls-Royce limousine drove from her waterfront mansion across the iconsc Sydney Harbor Bridge, through streets lined with cheering fans

Kidman, accompanied by her father styres. Antony, smiled and waved to well-wishers

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA—OSCAR-WINNING outside the Gothic-style St. Patrick's Coalege building, which was dramatically floodlit for the Sunday evening ceremony.

Urban, a Grammy-winning country music star, wore a black suit with a white rose in his lapel marching a bouquet clutched by Kidman.

The ceremony was private, and intense public interest and speculation about the details. The pastor said the Oscar-winning actress and Nashville, Tennessee-based singer would

have a traditional Roman Catholic service. Kidman and Urban wiped away tears as they read their vows, The Sydney Morning

Herald reported. "I promise to be true to you in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health," Kidman reportedly told the groom. "I will lave you and honor you all the days of my life."

It was Urban's first marriage, Kidman and Tom Cruise divorced in 2001 after 10 years об пристаде.

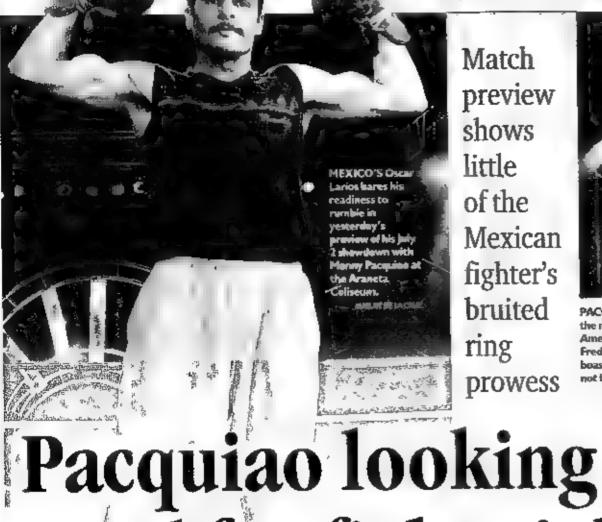


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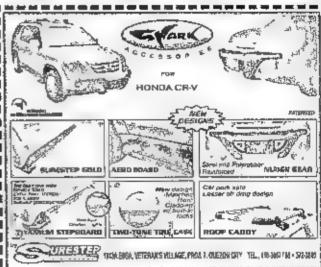




Match preview shows little of the Mexican fighter's bruited ring prowess



PACQUIAO works the mitts with American trainer Freddie Roach, who boasts Larios may not last six rounds. AUGUST DE LA CAUZ





By Marc Anthony Reyes

THEY DIDN'T SHOW UP TOGETHER ATOP the neon-bathed ring.

Nevertheless, the two combatants provided a glimpse of what fight fans can expect in Sunday's boxing extravaganza at the Araneta Couseum.

worked the crowd far better, even treating them with a diny from his own CD after flexing his toned muscles and pummeling Preddie Roach's mitts with his usua, flair.

The speed was there. The form evident. His swagger in fundisplay. The country's pride first squared

off with Russian punching bag Rus-tam. Nugaev, firming up his straights, tuning up his hooks and perfecting his uppercuts—weapons at us disposal come fight night.

"We are ready for 12 rounds, but I still think the fight is not going past six rounds," said Roach, reiterating his earlier prediction that Mexican Oscar Lanes won't lest the first half of the megabuck fight

Early today, Pacquiao is expected to jog atong the Manila Baywalk to avoid the moonson rains that come in the afternoon. By that time, he will be training some more at the Amateur Boxing Association of the Phuppines gym inside the Riza. Memorial Sports Complex

Larios was the curtain-raiser in the noontime preview, which reportedly cost at least P500 for a ringside view.

But the Mexican wasn't generous showing his talent. He shadowboxed under the watchful eyes of agent Rafael Mendoza. He hit the mints held by trainers Jose and Edison Reynoso. But he left in a huff the same venue.

even before the three-hour aperitif **Was over**

Larios, who arrived last Sunday, was reportedly in a hurry to train in private as he is booked at the Elorde Gym on Julia Varyas Avenue in Orti gas Center. He was billeted at the

nearby Discovery Suites. Undercard boxers, ex-world 50per-flyweight long Gerry Peñalosa, super-featherweight Jimxex Jaca and lightweight Dennis Laurente who will fight Nugaev-were also there to display

their wares. Cebu-based Rey "Boom Boom" Bautista has been hospitalized and was declared unfit to fight Mexican Alexandro Montiel in another bout. (See story on A22)

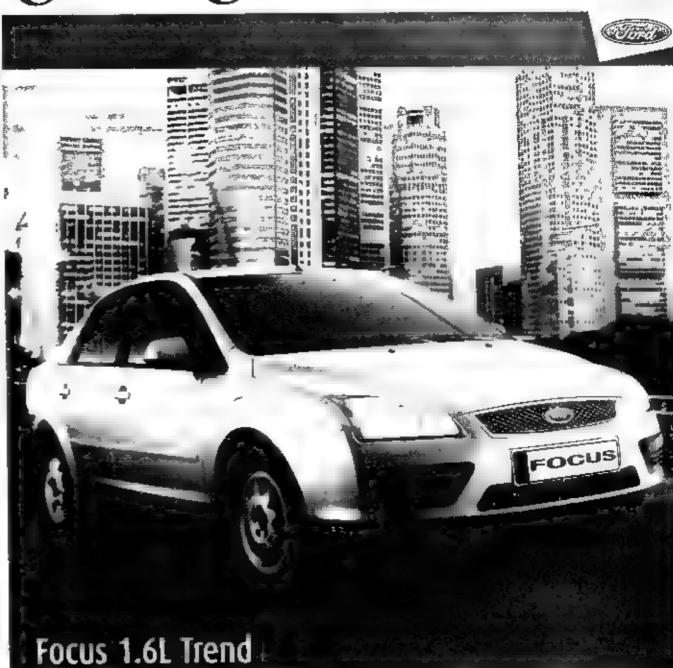
Baurista will be replaced by stablemate Michael Domingo, according to his promoter Sammy Geilo-

Meanwhile, Big Dome officials yesterday said that Filipino reporters will have to cover the fight from the Upper-Box A, which is several meters away from the usual

Organizers said they have allorted only 10 seats for photographers from wire services and leading

Ringside seats, reserved for accredited media even in the MGM Grand and Thomas and Mack Arena, are to be sold for P50,000.

Local and foreign newsmen who covered the Thrilla in Manila featuring Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier in 1975 were given ringside seats at



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Tenorio tipped to be top rookie pick in PBA draft

LOOKS LIKE L.A. TENORIO IS fast becoming the hottest prospect in the Philippine Basketball Association rookse draft on Aug. 20.

The top amateur point guard has been receiving feelers from several PBA teams, including expansion squad Welcoar Paints. "Some teams have been call-

ing, but I'm not yet sure which team will pick me," said the former Atenean who led Harbour Centre to its first Philippine Basketbail League title recently.

"With what he showed in the PBL finals, a lot of teams would want hizh," Welcoat team owners Raymund Yu and Terry Que said.

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Virus kayoes Boom Boom; Montiel fight off

CEBU CITY-THE FIGHT BETWEEN young Filipino sensation Rey Boom Boom" Bautista and Mexican Alejandro Fe-

This came about after the undefeated Bautista (20-0 with 15 KOs) was rushed to a loca, hospital here Sunday night and was deemed "very weak" to square off with Monuel in the undercard of the Manny Pacquiao-Oscar Larios Mano-A-Mano on Sunday at the Araneta Cotiseum

The 20-year-old Bautista, the reigning WBO Asia Pacific bantamweight champi-

tal here Sunday evening, complaining of high fever and heavy coughing.

Acreally, Bautista had been feeling under the weather since last Tuesday during his training at the ALA Boxing Gym. He had to forego his sparring session on that day and instead opted for a light workout

Bautista apparently had a relapse and was admitted to the hospital to take the necessary medication and undergo a series

A big "No Visitors Allowed" sign hung

on, was rushed to the Cebu Doctor's Hospi- outside Bautista's hospital room 252, after who has a three-fight contract with several fans stormed his room earlier just to have their photos taken with their idol.

Sportsman Antonio L. Aldeguer, Bautista's manager, indicated yesterday that his ward's fever had subsided and the coughing mellowed due to heavy antibi-

However, Bautista remains very weak and will be enable to resume training soon, necessitating the cancelation of his fight against Montiel.

Enck Gomez of Golden Boy Promotions,

Bautista, is arriving in Manila today and is expected to make the formal announcement of the fight's cancelation.

Meanwhile, Jimrex Jaca, another Cebubased fighter seeing action in the undercard, will now face Hector Javier Marquez after original opponent Adrian Valdez suf-

fered a broken hand while training. Rex "Wakee" Salud, who is arranging the undercard fights, confirmed yesterday that Marquez will now be Jaca's new opponent. Salven L. Lagumbay, contributor

NCAA JUNIOR CAGING

Staglets upend Altalettes

behind the remnants of its champion team last year to repulse University of Perpetual Help System Dalta, 86-73, at the start yesterday of the NCAA juniors basketball tournament at the Ninoy Aquino Stadium.

Forward Ryan Buenafe came off the bench to score 17 points, while rookie center Arvie Bringes posted a doubledouble with 11 points and 12 rebounds to lead the defending champion Sta-

"We have 10 new players, but the good thing is that those who came in are tall players, so we have a solid frontine," said San Sebastian coach Raymond Valenzona, who lost Finals Most Valuable Player Eric Salamat, Paul Lee and Raffy Reyes to graduation.

"We played good defense and we have to continue doing that to be suc-

In the tournament opener, the Jose Rizal U Light Bombers ended a 25-year long losing skid against the San Beda

Red Cubs with a stunning 75-72 win. Carlo Lituania shot 13 of his 23 points in pivotal third quarter to shock last year's runner-up squad

"This is unexpected," said JRU coach Boy de Vera, "If we win it's good, if not it's just normal for us. This is rare for us because San Beda is a strong team."

JRU opened a solid second-half performance by outscoring San Beda, 35-13, and turning a 28-34 halftime deficit into a 63-47 lead

The Red Cubs rallied to within 69-70 with 1:05 minutes left, but a jumper by Raycon Kabigting and a triple by Stefan Santos gave the Light Bombers a sixpoint cushion, 75-69

Raiph Cua nailed a triple to trim the

Although the Cubs forced an inbound violation, Leeward Lobaton's potential game-tying triple rimmed out at

In volleybali action, Letran College scored a rwin kill against Perpetual Help with a 25-19, 25-14, 25-27, 25-23 win in the men's division.

of the Early Altas in straight sets, 25-11, maano 3, Cruz 2, Babilonia 2, Alabastro 2

25-17, 26-14, in the women's division. Marc Anthony Reyes

SUNDAY WALKOUT: The chairs are empty and Red Bull supporters are up in arms over a referee's call after the Bulls

walk out two minutes before the end of the second period during the Photoldisa franchise's game with the San Miguel

Beer at the Araneta Coliseum Sunday. The Bulls returned to continue play after receiving instructions from team owners.

The Beermen won, 106-82, to knot the Gran Matador-PBA Philippine Cup semifinal series at 2-2.

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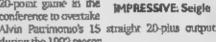
PERPETUAL 73-Mojado 13, Dibe 13, Amores 12, Chacos 9, Doon 7, Besoucho 7, Pagitalinavan 6. Pastong 5, Villamor 1, Labapis D, Papa D, Mancia D. Quarters: 18-7, 39-23; 65-44; 86-73.

PLAYER OF WEEK

Dynamite Danny rips **Patrimonio** record

SEEMINGLY UNSTOPpable, San Miguel Beer forward Darmy Seigle continues to post impressive numbers in the Gran Matador Brandy-PBA Philippine

Just last Sunday, the 6-foot-6 pumped in 24 points, his 16th consecutive 20-point game in the conference to overtake during the 1992 season.



On top of his new career milestone, Seigle collected 10 rebounds and five assists to lead the Beermen to a 106-82 victory over Red Bull, tying their best-of-seven semifinals series at 2-2

For San Miguel coach Jong Uichico, such performances just enhanced Seigle's status as one of the league's top all-around players.

"Danny S usually attracts the defense, and for him to display unselfishness is such a blessing to our tearn," said Uichico. "Also, he has made it a mission to help our in the boards and that, I think, makes him a complete player indeed."

With norms of 27.3 points, 11 rebounds and four assists per game, the PBA Press Corps named Seigle the Gran Matador Brandy-Player of the Week for the penod of June 19 to 25.

The latest citation made Seigle the only player to nail the honor thrice in the conference. He was also best player for the periods April 3-9 (with Coca-Cola's William Antonio) and April 17-23.

Villanueva, Shell chess

VIC NETE VILLANUEVA RACKED UP FOUR WINS in a row to complete a sweep of the junior division, while Jude Fronda nipped two others in the bebreak to rule the kiddles side of the 2006 Shell National Youth Active Chess Chempionships-National Capital Region leg at SM City Manile on

Villanueva, of University of Sto. Tomas, defeated Jayveelyn Fronda in the fourth round, then bested Lake Farre, Teorwin Talapian and Junar Valeros to emerge as the ione perfect scorer after seven rounds in the 20-and-under category.

The fourth-ranked Villanueva won P5,000 as he towed two others into the final round in October at SM North Edsa.

Valeros secured runner-up horxas after nip ping Farre in the tiebreak.

Farre beat Paulo Florendo ist the last round to finish third and gain the last berth in the finals. Pronda, meanwhile, drew with Haridas Pas-

cua in the final round, then nipped Pascua and Loren Laceste in the tiebreak to capture the kiddies plum with 6.5 points The Leman bet, who took home P4,000, also

advanced to the finals along with Pascua and

Laceste, who prevailed over Nigel Gialan in the final round to claim third piace John Amaido, business and corporate communications manager of Pilipinas Shell, and Ed Madrid, vice president of the National Chess Fed-· * eration of the Philippines, awarded the trophies

- to the winners. Other awardees were University of the East's Christy Bernales, overall top female player; and 4-year-old Carios Adamos of Baby's Breath Day Care, the youngest participant in the 504-player eark field.



Al S. Mendoza's column, Spectator, will be back on July 19.

Meralco, Fortune shuttlers Fronda rule sweep rivals in corporate tilt

MERALCO AND FORTUNE TOBACCO PULLED off emphatic victories over their rivals to reach the round of 16 in the corporate division of the P1 million JVC Open Badminum Championships at PowerSmash in Makan City late Sunday.

Bannered by Reynaldo Seiga, Jun Ildefonso, Dang Sarabia and Dianah Barbo, Meraleo swept Kawasaki, 3-0, then posted the same result over Albed Bank to join early qualifiers Accenture, AB Leisure, Toyota Motors and defending champion Philippine Star in the last 16 slated on Seturday.

Not to be outdone, Partune Tobacco leaned on Ronnie Barrameda, Jose Estoesta, Mae Tan and Grace Ngo to whitewash Allied Bank and Kawasaki via similar 3-0 routs an Group 8 action.

Also gaining ground in the tournament, which offers P50,000 to the champion, are HSBC and

Ayala Land in Group 5, Robinson's Land in Group 6 and Prudential Life in Group 7

A series of elimination matches will still be played on Saturday, also at PowerSmash, although Merako and the nine other teams have assured themselves of spots in the last 16 with their impressive records.

The top two squads to each group will advance to the round of 16. They will then be ranked according to the number of team ties won to determine the quarterfinal pairings on July 2 when the evern shifts to the Glorietta Activity Center.

Meanwhile, the eliminations in the elite and juminus divisions were still being played at pressume. Other events on rap are veterans-elite, vererans-novice, celebrity, alumno and the centerpiece elite masters.

NOKIA INTERVILLAGE

AA golfers eye finals berth

AYALA ALABANG HOPES TO KEEP THE MOMEN-TUM of its first-round romp at The Riviera as it gurs for a berth in the grand finals of the 2006 Nokia Cup intervillage golf tournament in the second round of the Nokia 1 elims at the Canbabang Golf and Country Club today

The Ayala Alabang golfers topped the first round of the 36-hole eliminations in the Nolua 1 division by firing 301 points at Riviera's Couples course. That gave them a she-pour lead over RP Homes heading into the final 18 holes of the qualifiers among rare teams from different golfing villages in the metropolis.

BF Homes shot 295 for second while Pilar Village Golf and Alabang 400 came through with 283 and 282. points, respectively, for third and fourth places, respectively, under the Stableford storing system.

But with Magallanes hariting just a point behind with 281 and Levitown-Don Bosco another point adrift at 290, a wild chase for the top four berths in the grand fimak looms in the event backed by Pan West, GNC, 357 Boraczy, Immuvit multivitamins, Agus Vide, Aktivade, Porth & Tay, BJ Marthel, Pisanti and Calbank.

The three other teams—Casa Verde, defending champion Don Ersrique Heights and Marcelo Green-are also in the bant with 278, 274 and 269 points, in that order.

Ayala Alabang purs its hopes again on Dance Buerano, Reynaldo Valdez, Mark Ledesma, Mar Rodelas, Jesus Fargas and Alex Escalona, while lan Arceo and Eric Jaudines are fancied to lead BF Homes' bid in the 12-toplay, 8-to-count format event organized by Videocoru.



CELESTINO Les of Don Enrique Heighes sinks his putz during the eliminations at the Riviera's Couples.

SPORTSWATCH

Title-seeking Suico flies to Vegas July 6

WORLD-RANGED RANGY SUICO ARRIVED YESTERDAY FROM JAPAN confident that he has the goods to put the WBA lightweight crown away from and Olstern July 15 in Las Veress. The dynamite-fisted Sulco trained for two weeks in Tokyo, originally for his July 2 light underneath the Manny Pacquian-Oscar Larins duel at the Araneta Colliseum, The WBA, however, lapped him as a replacement for the injured Mongolian Lakva Sim in the title challenge against Disz (29-0, 14 KOs). "The world championship is a dream-come-true for me, and I will try my best to deliver," said Suico (24-2, 25 KOs) in an interview. The Suico-Disz light will serve as a chief support to the Shane Mosley-Fernando Varges remaich to be held at the MGM Grand Sulved L. Lagurabay, contributor

SBP-Passerelle caging lures 36 teams THIRTY-SIX TEAMS WILL SEE ACTION IN THE 21ST SEASON OF THE MILO BEST Center's SBP-Passarelle basketball tournament which unwraps at 7:30 a.m. on July 9 at the Xavier School gym in Greenfalls, San Juan, Defending champion Ateneo leads the 18 participants in the SBP (Small Basketeers Philippines) white last year's winner La Salle Green Hills hearts the 18-learn east in the Passarelle group. Tournament commissioner Relando Omampo is urging all participants to meet the deadline for submission of entries set July 4. Provincial tournaments in San Fernando (Pampanga), Bagulo City, Pan-

gasinan, Lucera City, Bacoled City, Bollo, Cabu, Zamboanga, Daveo, Ganarai

Santos and Cagayan will start after the NCR opening. Roligon 4-cocker gets going

SEVENTY MATCHES ARE ON THE ROSTER IN A 4-COCK DERBY TODAY AT the Rollgon Mega Cockpit in Paraflaque City with Lakpue Drug Inc. and Thurderbird Enertone as sponsors. The fights start at 5 p.m. Rollgon matchmakers and derby hosts Tilling Capitan, Fred Carturnay and Willia Villanus said that aside from the cash prize of P300,000, a bonus of P30,000 will be given to the lastest wirs champion. Meanwhile, this venue's P3 million "Hatawan Sa Tag-Ulan" 6-cock derby uniquits this Saturday with over 300 entries expected to take part. A participant may field an entry during the 2-cock elimination rounds on July 1, 4 and 6. The semifinals is set on July 6 and the finals on July 11. For inquirtes, call Sirley or Jonna at 851-2275, 833-1638 or 852-9812

60 fights up in Sta. Ana cockfest today

PROMINENT COCKERS FROM METRO MANILA DISPUTE TOP HONORS tranight in a special 3-crick derby at the Sta. Ana Cockph on A.P. Reyes Avenue, Makati City. The 50-flohi program starts at 7 p.m. Among those invited by host Nelson Pacquiac to vis in the derby are PCAP members William Co. Emil Chua, Lito Oritaza, Efren Cantes, Jun Pascual, Ric Aguino, Ram Lopez, Philip Chronophian, Richard Bates and the Madiambayan brothers, as well as Pasay City Cockpit's Eric dein Rosa, Cito Manansain, Roming Vergara, Pepite Ngo. Benjie Lim and Pol Estrellado. Meanwhile, P300,000 is at stake in the Fastest With One-Cock Ulusar this Saturday at the same venue, according to host Butchey Olano, For inquines, call 898-3474 or 898-3475.

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SPORTS Federer tackles grasscourter in Wimby opener

LONDON-MEN'S CHAMPION ROGER FEDerer and women's second seed Kim Clijsters will have to overcome gifted grasscourters to win their opening matches when Wimbledon starts on Monday.

Federer plays French 20-year-old Richard Gasquet, who won the Nottingham warmup event on Saturday and almost beat Pederer at Halle the previous week.

"He reminds me a bit of me sometimes," said the Swiss who needs one win to break Bjorn Borg's record of 41 consecutive victories on grass. "It's definitely a tricky little first

Chisters tackles Russian Vera Zvonareva, who won the Edgbaston warmup event a

The Belgian US Open champion lost in the

Eastbourne semi-finals to compatriot Justine Henun-Hardenne and the double French Open champion is also in first-round action. on Monday

Henin-Hardenne, the third seed, faces Chiax's Meng Juan bidding to avoid a repeat of her shock first-round defeat last year.

Switzerland's 1997 champion Martina Hingis plays ber first match at Wimbledon in five years against Olga Savchuk of Ukrame

Other then's seeds in action include number four David Nalbandian of Argentina, number seven Mario Ancic of Croatia and and number eight James Blake of the United States.

Briton Tim Henman faces Swede Robin Soderling after the Clijsters match on court where action starts at 1200



WIMBLEDON, ENGLAND-ON the eve of tennis' grandest event, Venus Williams walked the halls wearing a chic white sweatsuit, braids reaching nearly to her wast and gold earrings the size of tennis balls.

She tends to stand out -- espectally at Wimbledon.

For the second year in a row,

with attie success to draw on inrecent months. A long layoff again raised questions about her health and motivation, and she has played only 14 matches since September. Still, she'll be among the favorites when she plays her opening match Tuesday against compatnot Bethanie Mattek. AP

Williams begins the tournament

SSC, Adamson belles dispute last Finals slot

ATENEO and Lyceum spiloers strut their stuff

By Marc Anthony Reves

SAN SEBASTIAN MADE SURE TO SUSTAIN its Finals bid yesterday.

GAMES THURSDAY (Blue Engle Gym) 2 p.m.—Sen Sebestian vs Adamson

With purpose in its steps and power in its spikes, San Sebastian drubbed Far Eastern U, 25-20, 25-12, 25-18, no ser a rubbermatch for the second

Finals seat against Adamson in the Shakey's V-League at the Blue Eagle Gym. The winner in the 2 p.m. match on Thursday will earn the right to face early finalist La

Salle in the best-of-three championship series which starts July 1 That big girl Jaroensri Bualee slammed the enemy lines with an assortment of spikes to come up with a game-high 18 points, includ-

ing 17 loais Her efforts were well supported by local hitter Laurence Ann Latigay, who scattered nine attack points to finish with 10 markers as

the Lady Stags posted their ninth win in 15 "I guess the girls realized how unportant this match was for us," said San Sebastian coach Roger Gorayeb. This should prepare

us for the playoffs and hopefully the Finals." SSC, ast year's NCAA champion, finished the eliminations at third piace behind La Salie (12-2) and Adamson (9-5), but clinched the sudden-death via the league's five-semiswins-out-of-eight games-incentive.

Joy Puado hit nine points, while Jeanne Cathryn Espolong and Ryssabelle Devanadera added five points each for San Sebastian.

Alonso tops Canadian GP for fourth straight win MONTREAL-THIS WAS THE RACE has six victories this season and 15 straight staying focused despite leading by almost

Michael Schamacher was supposed to close the gap on Fernando Alonso in the chase for the Formula One champs-

After all, Schumacher had won the Canadian Grand Prix seven times. Alonso never had anything but trouble at the Circuit Gilles Villeneueve.

None of that mattered Sunday --- Alonso drove his Renault to an easy victory for his fourth consecutive win. The Spaniard

top-three fireshes.

"It is fantastic," he said. "All the victories are nice, but this one after the last two or three years having a chance to win and then mistakes or mechanical problems, this is one of the races we should have (won) in the previous years."

Alonso had failed to finish the Canadian GP in three of his previous four races, including last year when he crashed while leading. This time, his only problem was

25 seconds in the closing laps.

"It was not easy to keep the concentraim while leading the race with such a large gap," he said. "You lose concentration of maybe you relat."

The reigning world champion stretched his lead to 25 points over Schumacher who passed Kimi Raikkonen with one lap to go to finish second. Raildonen wound

"It's just a shame there wasn't 10 more - again," he said, AP

laps, it could have made it interesting." Schumacher said

They now head to Indianapolis for the United States Grand Prix, which Schumacher woo last season after Alonso and 13 other drivers boycotted because of concern over tire safety. But Alonso has struggled during F1's North American swing but hopes for better results next week "Indianapolis is another chance to win and increase the gap

UAAP PREVIEW

Falcons aim to fly high under Austria

By Jasmine W. Payo

WHEN HE FIRST MET HIS NEW team, coach Leo Austria admits it took some time before he warmed up with the Adamson Faccons.

"Frankly, I was disappointed and frustrated during my first few practices with the ream," said Austria "The team had very deep problems But the good thing is the players respect me a lot. That allowed me to have patience with them. I shared to the players that I want to help the team. It was very challenging for

Although often rated highly in the pre-season, the Patcons have been ending up with disappointing performances in the UAAP men's basketball

Last season, the underacturying squad finished near-bottom with a 3-

The past few years, the team failed to meet all the expectations," noted Austria, who took over one-year mentor Mel Alas. "We're trying to correct the players' attitude. But it's not that easy, we can't change that overnight It's a long process that we started last

Aside from emphasizing the importance of team work. Austria said he had to convince his players to believe on the team's potential.

'I have veteran players, but they have no winning experience," he said. In the last few years, they haven't experienced the winning situation or how to be in the Final Four. So we needed to develop a winning atti-

The Paicons also had to relearn the game basics with Austria.

"We went back to the fundamen-

"It's a different system, but I think they've absorbed it. In the last few weeks, I can see that everybody has adjusted."

Expected to lead the Palcons is hefty center Ken Bono, who recently shone with the Montaña Jewels to bag the Most Improved Player citation in the

But Austria said he plans to dis-

tribute the scoring load. "We're not relying on (Bono) heaviix," he said. " We're trying to develop other players like (Patrick) Cabahug and (Roel) Hugnatan."

The Falcons will battle pre-season mante University of the East Warners in the inaugural game on July 8.

"It remains to be seen, but there's potential in this ream," said Austria I'm confident that we can do better this year."



LEO Austria

Laguna rules First Touch football fest

THE LAGUNA POOTBALL CLUB BAGGED THE centerpiece boys' 16-under crown in the 2nd Mi-Jo First Touch Pootball Pestival at the Army Support Command park in Fort Bonifacio recentivi

Sharing honors with Laguna were Army FC in the boys' 13-and-under, 8-and-under and 6-andunder classes; Montalban FC (boys 12), Muntinhipe (boys 10), and St. Scholastica's College and Ateneo de Davan University in the girls' Open and 18-and-under divisions, respectively. The fesuval aggracted a total of 16 schools and-

was aimed at gening kids involved in footbal.

Robby Afzelius, Milo brand champion, orga nizer Mari Marrinez, Ascom chief Col. Yerson Depayso and NCR Football Association president Pocholo Borromeo attended the day-long event.



SIX-AND-UNDER champion Army FC kids (in light jursay) in action against Kuta Bonifacio.

The other football clubs represented were

pe PC, Poodall Club, De La Salle-Dasmarifias, Chang Hua PC, Don Bosco Tondo, Claret School, San Beda College, Tondo Unlimited PC, Magat Salamat PC, Kuta Bondacio PC, Muntinlu-Southridge and Rizal Technological University.

All-women adventure race slated at La Mesa

adventure racers are expected to see action in the Rudy Girl Challenge, a 10-hour event set this Sat urday at the La Mesa Eco Park Forest Reserve in Balara, Quezon City A field of 100 two-woman teams

will dispute P250,000 worth of prizes in the race backed by David's Saion Foundation and held in cooperation with Rudy Project, Ford Global City, the ABS-CBN Foundation, and the La Mesa Eco Park.

"More than being just an adventure race, this event is aimed at cre-

THE COUNTRY'S FINEST FEMALE atting more awareness for the envi ronment, specifically for the imporrance of protecting the La Mesa Eco Park Forest Reserve," said project director Ron Larcoque. "One of our adopted concerns is

environmental protection and the need for people to know they have responsibilities in this area," said David's Salon CEO David Charlton. Titles in four categories will be

disputed in the race which features rappelling, orienteering, climbing, hiking, mountain biking, and tree planning.

FUTSAL SQUEAKER

Goalie shines as Xavier nips Ateneo

RAYMOND CORDOVA STRUCK TWICE in the first half and goalkeeper Emil Balidio scored the clincher in the second, as Xavier Alumm PC slipped past Areneo, 3-2, Saturday in the men's Second Division-A in the 2006 Adidas Futsal Championship at the FMAC Gym at La Salle Green Hills in Mandatuyong City.

Cordova scored in the ninth and 20th minutes but it was Bahdio's tie-breaking penalty in the 39th minute that assured Xavier's win. Ateneo had eartier tied the match early in the second half, 2-2, with a goal each from Robbie de Vera and Francis Rodriguez.

The win enabled Xavier to wrest the solo lead

at 3-0 in the men's Second Division-A of the murnament sporsored by Adadas in cooperation wish the National Capital Region Football Association

Areneo dropped to second spot at 2-1.

In other matches in the same division, AFP Selection downed Marines, 3-2, to even its mark at 1-1 Mannes took its second loss in as many matches.

In the lone women's game, Archers 650 found Vintage PC a tough nut to crack and sertled for a 5-5 draw,

Archer Party Silve and Vintage's Sherdal Thomason maded goals for their respective card.

sounds in the lifth minute.

Candice Grey added two goals for the Archers and Brenda Gayagoy put in two for

Archers 650 improved its record to 2-1-1 (windraw-loss), a win in front of Vintage (1-1-1). Air Porce, meanwhile, posted its third win

in as many starts with an 11-3 demolstion of Navy in the men's First Division play.

Emelio Caligdong again led Air Force's assault by scoring eight of his team's 11 goals, five of which came in the first half of play. Navy dropped to the cellar with a 0-1-2

World Cup Special



STORMY WORLD CUP

Portugal, England barge into final 8

BERLIN-PORTUGAL BEAT THE Bommel was booked for a foul on Cris the total number of red cards handed Netherlands, 1-0, on Sunday in a stormy World Cup clash in which Russian referee Valentin Ivanov sent off four players, a record for the finals.

Midfielder Manuche scored the only goal in the 23rd minute, striking forcefully inside the box after a nice lay off from striker Pauleta.

· Portugal held on for the victory in a showdown marred by shoving matches and a seemingly endless stream of yel-

Referee Ivanov sent off Portugal's Costinha and Deco and Dutchmen Khiaxi Boulahrouz and Giovanni van Bronckhorst, while eight other players

Portugal now face England in the quarterfinais in Gelsenkirchen on Saturday. Sven-Goran Eriksson's side labored again but emerged with the win thanks to a trademark bending free tick from captain David Beckham an hour into the

Beckham was sick on the pitch shortly after his goal and said he had felt imwell before a game played in stifling

The match between Portugal and the Netherlands in Nuremberg got off to a violent start when Dutchman Mark van

nano Ronaldo after only two minutes and things grew increasingly chaotic af-

Seven minutes into the game, Dutch defender Boulahrouz received another yellow for a vicious high challenge on Ronaldo, which

left a cut high up on his right

thigh and later forced him to the bench In the second half, Ivanov struggled to keep coost it as tempers frayed between two European nations normany renowned for the quality of their football.

By the end, the ret

eree had given double yellow cards to Costanha and Deco as well as Dutch defenders Boulahrouz and van Bronckhorst, rethe ducing match to a

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our in the World Cup to 23, above the previous record of 22 seen in 1998 in

lyanov came under sharp criticism after the match.

Netherlands coach Marto van Basten added: "It is a pity the referee made a mess of this game. I think in the second had we only played 20

15 minutes of Joothail." Portugal Victorious couch Laiz Pelipe Scotan, who has now won 11 straight World Cup matches after steering Brazil to the ti-

de in 2002, was simply hap-

by with the win. "All I can think about today is this victory," he said

> Bedtham came in the rescue on 60 minutes, curling a longrange kick into the right corner of keeper Cris-Mora's goal Portugal

England join Argentina and Germany in the last eight



PORTUGUESE Nune Valente (right) beats Dutch forward Arjen Robben to the ball.

Beckham hits back at critics with free kick

RICARDO celebrates

Portugal's victory. At



DAVID Beckham celebrates after scoring the winning free back for England off Ecuador goallosepe Cristian Mora (right) in the 60th minute. The match ended at 1-0.

STUTTGART -DAVID BECKHAM HIT BACK AT HIS CRITIES with a trademark freekick against Ecuador that mok England into the World Cup quarterfinals, and he was reveling in his moment of glory

The England captain, who was physically sick during a march played in drawing conditions, curled his shot past Cristian Mora in the 60th minute to hand his side a 1-0 win and a showdown with Portugal.

"It was nice to silence a few people who have been critical. I can handle my criticism and I'li prove them wrong," he said.

"It was a great feeling to get a goal and put us into the quarterfinal." Steven Gerrard said after the match that Beckham went out with "a point to prove" after taking some stick following largely anonymous games

Some commentators and ex-players have called him to be axed-on unthinkable proposition before the World Cup.

tain Terry Butcher, who has repeatedly urged Sven-Goran Eriksson to jettison Beckham, who earns an estimated 32 million dollars a year, for "under-achieving.". On the eve of the match against Ecuador Butcher suggested in his column for Britain's Sunday Mirror that pressure from sponsors was preventing Eriksson from dumping the marketable celebrity icon.

"England is now in danger of abusing its resources. It could also be termed as gross mismanagement," be

Ref causes dirtiest WC match ever, says coach

NUREMberg-Purning Dutch coach Marco van Basten hit out at the referee and "time-wasting" by Portugal after a World Cup defeat low cards and four dismessage.



VAN BASTEN Basten blamed the Russian referee and Portuguese

trickery for the shambolic encounter that entered the record books as the dirtiest in World Coo history "It's also a pity that a referee in such an

important game should make decisions in this way so we won't be able to see enough football in the second half," he said. The Netherlands went a goal down after

23 minutes but their hopes were buoyed when Costinha was sent off just before half-

However, two Dutch players were among three second-half disnussals as the last 16 march descended into a stop-start mess of fouls and shoving matches.

Both teams ended the right with nine players and there were another eight on yellow cards as Portugal scraped home 1-0

"Out of the 45 minutes we weren't able to play enough foothall," van Basten said

Every minute there was a foul or the referee whistied so we woren't able to play proper football. It's unfortunate.

Van Basten said Portugal had deliberately tried to disrupt the game by claiming fouls and arguing with the referee.

"Portugal is an experienced opponent, I think that was the difference," he said.

They were just a little bit more experi-

enced with all these tricks." His gamble in dropping first-choice strik-

er Ruud van Nistelrooy failed to pay off with Dirk Kuyt unable to find the net despite good service from the wings.

Even late in the game, van Basten refused to laring on van Nistelrooy preferring to use PSV Eindhoven's Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink.

"With these small spaces it's difficult to play football so dust's the reason we brought on Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink instead," van Basten said

Van Nistelrooy admitted hating watching the match from the bench, where he has spent most of the season with Manchester

100 people nabbed in Hong Kong for illegal bets

HONG KONG-MORE THAN 100 PEO June 9. ple have been arrested in Hong Kong for illega, gambling on football since the World Cup kicked off, postce said

Powce said berting slips worth more than 50 million dollars (\$6.4M) had been seized in about 50 operations since the opening of the World Cup in Germany on

in the nearby gambling treater of Maran, police raided a soccer betting racket on Sarurday, seizing 100 million dollars (\$12.8M) in betting slips.

According to local press, the racket was operated by a Hong Kong triad gang. A Hong Kong man, a Macau man and five mamland Chinese men were arrested

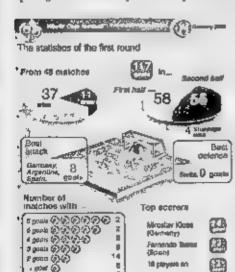
The World Cop finals are expected to prove a big draw for puniters in Hong Kong where the government estimates 50-60 billion Heng Kong dollars worth of bers are placed with illegal bookies asmu-

Legal socces gambling was introduced in this cambling-mad southern Chinese

territory in 2003 in a bid to drive underground bookmakers out of business.

But restriction on the types of bets offered, coupled with the endemic nature of soccer betting here has meant the illicit trade continues to thrive.

Police said they have teamed up with forces in Southeast Asia and China to stamp out the problem.



More ligures

Counties Germiny Spain with James Brust and Philip

Brazil brings color, rhythm, 600-strong media entourage

or, rhythm, panache and exotic fans to the World Cup, all good reasons to make it almost everyone's second favorite team.

It also brings its equally colorful 600strong media pacit.

Rather like a herd of wildebeest cross ing the Serengeti, the Brazilian media descend upon unsuspecting venues, flattening and interviewing everything

If their flamboyant behavior may have caused a stir among the local population as Brazil's training centers in Germany, k was nothing compared with what took place at the pre-World Cup camp in

At the little resort of Weggis, a typical

DORTMUND—BRAZIL BRINGS COL. by dyffic Swiss village lying on the bunks of Lake Lucerne, cows graze peacefully on the hillsides, the streets are normally spodess and orderly, traffic rules are riggrously respected.

Most restaurants are shot by 10

o'clock in the evening. The players, locked away in a luxury lakeside hotel, were barely noticeable,

only emerging for training sessions. By contrast, the media were impossi-

For two weeks, Weggis's orderly traffic resembled a mini-Rio de Janeiro as hirecars stopped in the middle of the road without warning, ignored zebra crossings and ran roughshod over parking re-

There is probably nothing in the

sporting would which can compare with the Brazilian media corps in action.

Globo television sent a 150-team strong-team to Weggis, just to cover practices, and have dispatched the presenters of all four of their daily news programs to Germany for the World Cup.

Training sessions are broadcast live back home, accompanied by a feverpinch commentary.

But it is the radio reporters who stand

Radio is much begger than in Europe and even stations from remote cities such as Macapa, which lies on the northem banks of the Amazon river, have sent reporters to Germany to cover such pressing matters as Ronaldinho's latest

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MTRCB decision: 3 shows, stations should apologize

By Bayani San Diego Jr.

S A RESULT OF AN ADJUDI- managing director of Studio 23. cation hearing called by the Movie and Television Re-

view and Classification Board (MTRCB) on June 20, three stations have been instructed to apologize for various violations made on three shows

Among the offending programs are the morning talk show "Home Boy" on ABS-CBN, the men's magazine show "It's a Guy Thing" on Studio 23 and the prime-time sittom "Lagot Ka, Isusum-bong Kita" on GMA 7

All three shows were given "a stern warning that a repetition of said violation shall be dealt with severely." The shows' producers were also ordered to "daigently monitor" future episodes and to

write a letter of apology addressed to the board "

The board's decision and instructions were contained in separate letters dated June 22 and addressed to network executives Socorro Vidanes, sensor vice president for television production of ABS-CBN, Jose

Supposeding weathly draw poplants will be assessment regularly by to copie and print plan.

The street of the returning raths entry manher's shall be foleylast the on the asheduled state date.

Mari Abacan, vice president for program management of GMA 7 and Leo Katigbak,

Studio 23 is the UHF affiliate of ABS-CBN. "Home Boy" was reprimanded for a "live" episode that tackled the subject, "Relationships and Women," aired on

May 18. According to MTRCB chair Ma Consoliza Laguardia, the guests-model Melanie Marquez and sexy stars Keanna Reeves, Maui Taylor and Eila V-discussed with sexual nuances not suited for TV broadcast, considering its [morning] time slot "

In the response letter dated June 21, Luis Andrada, business unit head of "Home Boy," explained that "the discussion did not focus lengthily on the subject of sex, nor were the guests' statements inappropriate or offen-

Andrada "assured" the board that the show's producers and host Abunda, "have been very

prudent and mature about the choice and handling" of topics. Andrada added that, "consistent with (the networks] poncy of self-regulation



THAT 'PINOY' SPIRIT

They came, they sang, they danced. Some triumphed; others faltered. That the youthful aspirants, who auditioned for the ABS-CBN reality shows "Pinoy Dream Academy" and "Pinoy Big Brother Season Two," bravely faced the stern judges (from left, with their backs to the camera, Jillmer Dy, Lauren Dyogi and Richard Reynante) was small victory for most. What's next for these hopefuls? More trials and tests before the snows' premieres - August 2006 for "PDA" and March 2007 for "PBB 2". Reality bites. See full story on A2-8.



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Final countdown

LONDON-TOP OF THE POPS" HAS HIT TOP of the rock bottom.

The 42-year-old BBC music show that featured everyone from The Beatles to Bob the Builder is going off the air, a child of the black-and white era abandoned by a younger generation more attuned to la- years

Pops' signs off after 42 ternet downloads and 24-hour music TV.

After years of dechning ratings, the BBC announced this week that the show that has aired weekly since January 1964 would count down its last singles chart on

Cue an outpouring of nostalgie from Britons at least

those over 30 "A

teenagers, noted The Daily Telegraph's Nell Mc Cormick, hailing "this siny exhib-rating, infuriating, inspiring, chaotic, trivia, grab bag of a music program

First contact

*For anyone over 35, it's the first contact they had with popular musaid music writer and broadcaster John A.zlewood In the days before video, he added, "seeing a pop star in the HAD BYFELD BEEN HATTERED

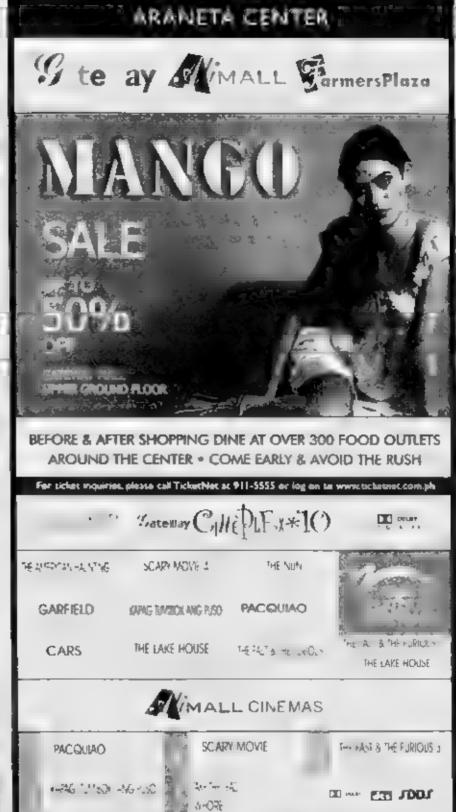
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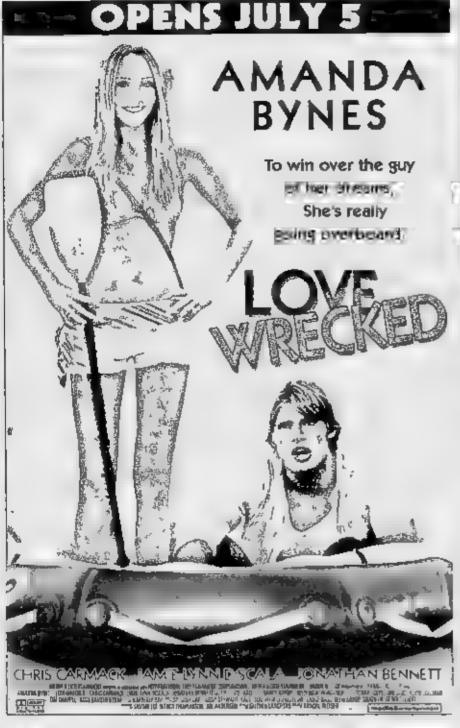
All terms and the state of three TV channels-the weekly rundown of the nation's best-selling acts attracted more than 15 million viewers. The format was exported to several European countries and even to the US, where a short-lived version ran in 1987

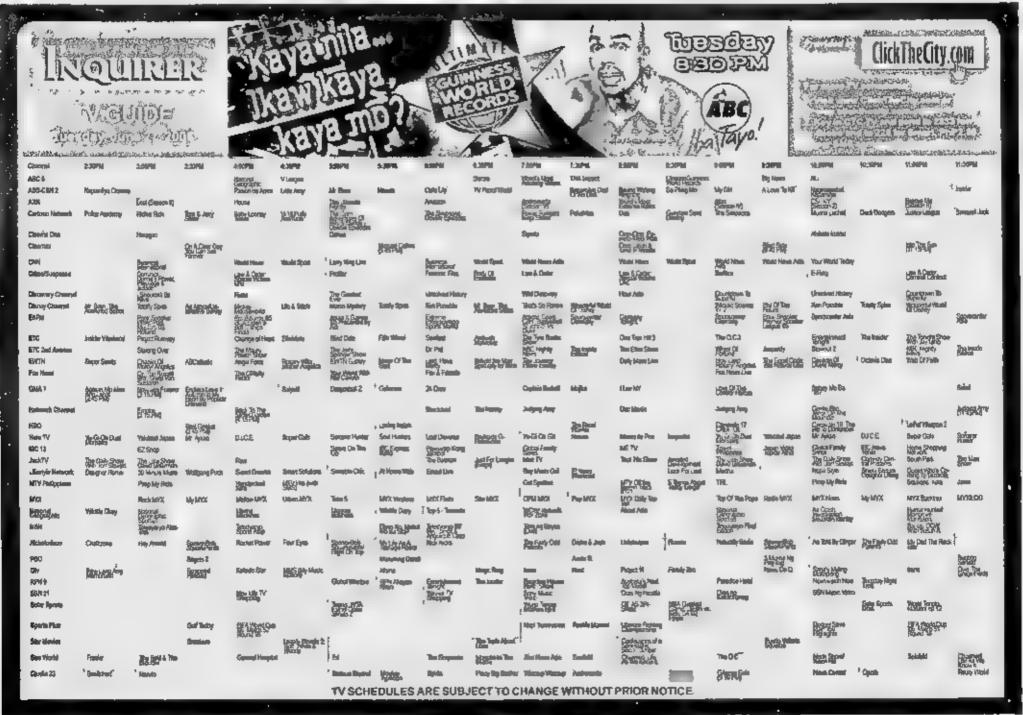
Longer life

"Top of the Pops" asted longer than US television sta-American Bendstand," another show to feature big-name acts performing for a live teenage audience, which ran for consécut ve years on ABC between 1957 and

Commissioned for an initial six shows, "Top of the Pops" racked up more than 2,000 episodes.







ENTERT & INMENT

'Aquamarine' star is Robin William's daughter in 'RV'

AFTER THE HIT "AQUAMARINE," teen pop star Joso continues her foray into the acting world with Columbia Pictures family comedy "RV," a recent No. 1 box-office hat in the US.

Jojo who, at 13, holds the record as the youngest artist to reach No. 1 on the Billboard singles chart, co-stars in "RV" as Robin William's rebellious teenage daughter Cassie.

Director Barry Sonnefeld ("Men in Black") said he cast Jojo for the role because, "She had a kind of confidence you rarely find in a teenage gul. She's already a huge TAKE recording star and has played on stage in front

of large audiences." "She brings that confidence to her work," adds producer Douglas Wick, "and when you're playing opposite someone as charismatic and larger than life as Robin, that's a lot to hold up against and she has that pres-

Jojo discusses "RV" and her experience working with Williams:

What are the challenges acting with Robin Williams? I imagine it's like bolding your own against a tornado.

Something I accepted early on in the shoot was that you can't try to be on the same level. You can't compete with him. He is Robin Williams. I just try to be the best that I can be. He is basically just the way that he is in the movies. He is just so full of life, he's like manic and all over the place and that's just who he is.

Did you get him to laugh?

I mied, but he's so famny, nothing shocks him. He humored me, I guess.

Was it hard to keep up with him?

He totally works with me, especially when we're on camera and stuff. He would go off script, but he would always come back to a safe place where I knew where to jump in with my line. That's what's so great about him. He would never leave me or any of the actors in a place where they were lost and didn't know where to go from there.



JOJO with Robin Williams

Have you gone on long trips, like in the film, with your family?

Not with my family, but I've been on mur buses so they're land of like a souped-up version of an RM So I know what it's like to be in a confined space with a lot of people and one toilet.

Can you talk about the audition pieces?

I did, like, five different auditions. I had to really fight for this role. Another girl was already cast and then they cast me. I was in Australia, shooting "Aquamarine" and then I sent a tape for the role and then I sent in another one. Then I had two satellite meetings with Barry (Sonnefeid). He had me read, like, so many different times and I really thought I wasn't going to get it. Then I found out that I got it. I met Robin and Barry at the

Can you relate to your character?

I'm like her in many ways. I would hope I'm a little bit racer than her because she kind of handles her aggression. in a mean way. She's presty mean to her dad, but we both turn to music when

we're acroyed or frestrated or feel like our family is crazy, so I turn to my I-pod as well, just like she does.

Tell us about your music career?

My first album came out two years ago. I've only had one and I was the youngest artist to ever have a No. 1 single on Biliboard. It went over platinum, over a million copies, and I'm working on my second one right now. It was hard for me to do movies and step away from trusic, because it was what I've been doing forever and what i love.

Would you rather sing or act?

I like doing both, but I learned early on with music video. You look into the carriera and you're supposed to make eye contact. Then I realized with acting you shouldn't do that because it will freak everybody out. People have said you're like a singing actress or an acting singer, but why can't I just be like a person who wants to do more than one thing. But as far as choosing one over the other, I don't really want to choose. I like them both.

(Opening soon across the Philippines, "RV" is distributed by Cohardia Pictures.)

Ode to the Roadster

AT FIRST GLANCE, THE PROSPECTS for success of an animated feature about auromobiles appear to be dodgy. Sure, the modern world is crary about cars, which have become much more than just a mode of trans-

Cars now comote freedom, power, trendiness, upward mobility—even sensual appeal. Nestor U. Torre So, a movie about them would benefit from all of these subliminal resonances.

Tough challenge

On the other hand, making cars come alive, move, talk and "feel" is a tough challenge. After all, automobiles are sleek and metallic, not warm and visually expressive. Transforming them into anthropomorphic creatures that can evoke viewers' delight and empathy would test the best animators' creativity.

Thankfully, the vastly experienced artists and story editors at Pixar have proven that they're up to the difficult challenge. Disney-Putar's "Cars" is a visual treat, a lively tale "peopled" by a panoply of varied automobile "characters," ranging from sleek, stuck-up Lightning McQueen to his rusty sidekick, an aw-shucks truck.

On point of storytelling, however, the film is weighed down by some predictable characners and situations.

It's Ok for the movie's plot to revolve around an animated variation on the old morality tale of a vain youth who eats humble pie and learns valuable lessons about what life should really be about

Our "hero" is an ambittous race car who dreams of winning the Piston Cup. But his ambition is sidetracked when he finds himself "trapped" in a dead-end town.

There, he meets other car characters who end up reminding him of the truly important

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munual respect and honesty. The most striking character in this section . of the story is an old roadster who turns out to . have won the Piston Cup-three times!

things in life—like friendship, love, tradition,

And yer, he's buried himself in this ghost . town because, after a car crash, the racing world that had previously bonized him turned out to be fickle, and promptly forgot. about him.

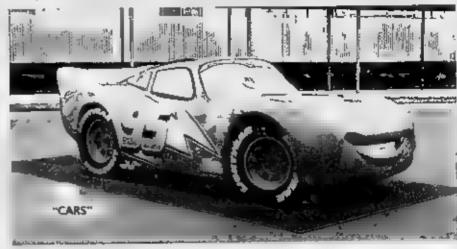
All this is thematically valid, but the film turns icky when it tries to squeeze a "romantic" angle into its plot development. This is where the animators' visualization falls short, and the production's ebullience sags.

Unnecessary

Also distracting and unnecessary are some plot detours that are cute enough, but hinder the movie's breezy progression to its finale.

Despite these storytelling inefficiencies, the film's visuattzations see the production through. Particularly difficult to pull off are the car race sequences. They run the risk of becoming repetitious and redundant, but the animators' edgy and exciting visuals keep them eventful and thrilling.

All told, Disney-Pixar has a winsome winner in "Cars," its ebulliently animated Ode to the Roadster.











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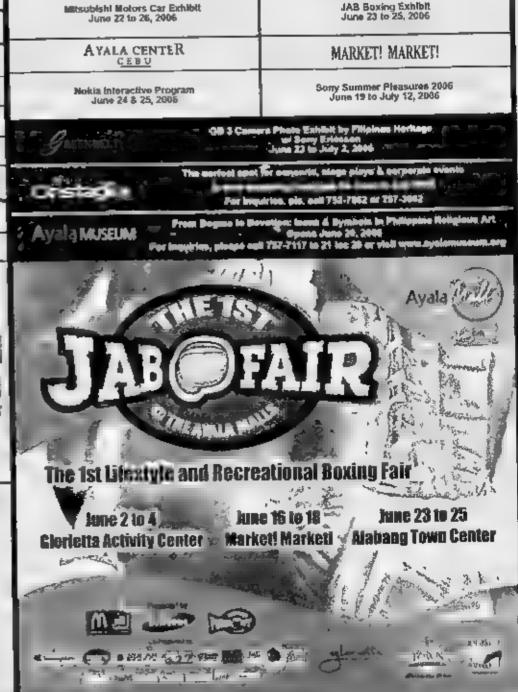
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How Kat McPhee fought bulimia

runner-up Katharine McPhee struggled for years with bulimia before seeking help, the singer said in an interview pub-..shed Thursday.

At her worst point, she would throw up as many as seven times a day, putting her singing career in jeopardy.

It was like "putting a sledgehammer to your vocal cords," McPhee told People magazine in an interview published Thursday on its Web site

McPhee, 22, told the magazine she sought help last fail after successfully auditioning for "American ido: " She enrolled in an eating disorder center in Los Angeles

iearned in therapy.

"If you look at a doughnut, people think it's a fattening food," said McPhee. "Why? Because if you eat it you'll get fat? No, you'll get fat if you eat 10 doughnuts.

Jeremy wants Alex back JEREMY MARQUEZ IS BENT ON winning back Alessandra ('Alex') DOLLY de Rossi as he shrugs off rumors

linking him to Jennylyn Mercado.

"There's nothing between Jen and

me. Bugbag na ako sa intriga," he

No two-timing for hun? Only a

second time around? "I still love

Alex, I'm doing everything to woo

ber. I'm making myself a better per-

son. Hopefully, one day, I'll be the perfect guy for Alex."

the limit, right Jeremy? Seeing how

sweet they were during their un-

guarded moments, it's such a wastr

if they throw it all away. Looks like

there's hope because their split-up

was caused by external and not in-

ternal factors. If their bearts still

ache for each other, how can they let

anything come between them ex-

enough that we have rekindled our

I teased JC, "Is there a white or

any kind of lady who has replaced Pauleen in your life? He smiled, "To

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ways have a soft spot in my heart." I

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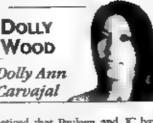
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"White Lady," ex-lowers

Pauleen Luna and JC

When your heart is in it, the sky's

Dolly Ann Carvajal



noticed that Pauleen and JC have the same eyes if you look at them from up-close. Will they soon see eye to eye and be heart to heart

Bonggang movie

BONG Revilla was in a euphoric mood at the virtury party he hosted for the success of his movie "Kapag Tumbok Ang Puso, Not Once But Twice." It grossed P10 million in one week. "It inspires me to produce more films My next project will be a

comedy again with Regine Velasquez. During these hard times, people really need a good laugh," Bong said.

Fatherhood is no laughing matter for hum, though. "I sit down with my kids and ready talk to them, especially to Jolo who's a dad already." He is such a supportive dad that he is also belping Grace (the mom of lovechild) Jolo's with her education. "Di na iba sa amun si Grace so we are helping her with whatever she needs in her schooling in Baguio. Jolo visits her there once in a while. Mabati nga ng dun sila para malayo su intriga."

ily has been through, it's Bong's humility and openness that has made his life now intrigue-free. Till the next "intrigung" rumibok, buh, Kumpareng Bong?

One-liners

HERE are some juncy one-liners i gathered as I made the rounds in the showbiz scene:

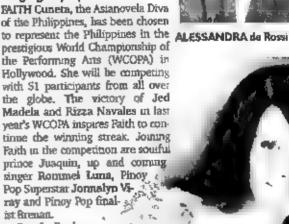
Pops Pernandez: "I think Martin (Nievera) has a lot of other more important things to attend to in his life right now as a father-to-be than to react to my daring and sexy costume as Queen Femina in Zsa Zsa

Paolo Ballesteros: "My love life is zero but that doesn't mean my sex life is, 100. You can have one without the other sometimes."

Rustom Padilla. I have no limi tations in portraying a gay or straight rose. All out na talaga ako as a persona and as an actor."

Keanna Reeves: "I refuse to beheve that just because I'm famous now. I can't tell who my true friends are. I don't wanna go around thinking that people are out to take advantage of me. Just like when I was a nobody, I still see the good in peo-

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Who are the real Platters?

From Jo and Beck of Makati.

printed here) hoping they might belp show the faces of the veteran group The Platters. We believe the singers here are the real

We recently came back from Las Vegas, where we were lucky to get tickets to The Platters show at the Sahara Hotel.

Perhaps, the group (or their manngers) has a franchise business of sorts.

In fact, we just found a reference on the Internet

But we're getting ahead of the story. So we enjoyed the show and were so thrilled, we went backstage to chat with the

"So," we said, "did you enjoy your tour of We are sending these photos (one is the Philippines?" They looked at us like were were joking

"You know," we persisted, "Makan, Mamia,

The stern reply: "We were never there."

Here's the reference bit we found on-

several of its members started their own new versions of the band, using the same name. This franchising attitude continues to this day -there are an estimated 125 vocal groups calling themselves

The Original Platters' currently performing." We got these from http://www.hotshottligiral.com/tribute/Platters.html

Erotica LA' convention

LOS ANGELES-WHAT HAPPENS WHEN pornographic film production companies, some 50,000 people gather together over the weekend to celebrate the pleasures of the flesh in the worldwide capital of

•≪..pornography? Expect 300 exhibitors unveiling the latest in sex toys, paraphernal a and publications, with porn star Jenna Jameson and rock guitarist Dave Navarro hosting the three- KNOW of women of all legal ages." day 10th annua. "Erotica LA" con-

Does Dallas ... Again" produced by Vivid Entertainment, one of the world's largest

and proceedings were filmed for an upcoming reality relevision show.

A series of sex seminars covered a range of topics, including the aphrodesiscal properties of chocolate.

Dip A free breast implant surgery was even given by a company dedicated to "boosting the self-esteem

Christian groups were expected to picket the convention, with one

Why Mark still has no girlfriend

By Marinel R. Cruz

🕆 INGER MARK Bautista confessed that he used to feel uncomfortable on the set of his noon-time variety show, "ASAP" whenever couple Christian Bautista and Rachelle Ann Go were around.

"After the news that Rachelle and 1 were being linked to each other came out on 'The Buzz,' we all felt ill-atease on the set," Mark told entertainment writers over hunch last week. "The thing is, I didn't actually tell The Buzz' that I had courted her."

Apart from Mark, Rachelle Arm was also linked to male celebrates Erik Santos, Jed Madela and latis Manzano. But it was only recently that the she admitted to having a relationship with Christian, whom she said courted her for two years.

"I talked with Rachelle and Christian about it. I made sure of that. We work in one show. It's hard to be around people you're not comfortable with," Mark pointed out. "Everything is OK now. We're all cool about it "

The hunch party was to calebrate Mark's winning the Favorite Remake Award (" Need You") from Myx Music Channel. Also present during the parry were Rachelle Ann (Ravorite Pemale Artist), Rivermaya (Pevorite Music Video and Favorite Media Soundtrack, both for "You'll Be Safe Here"), and Anne Curtis (Pavorite Guest Appearance in a Music Video in Mark Bautista's "I Need You").

How come you don't have a girlfriend? Is it because you're so busy with work?

I know it's not normal (not to have a girlfriend]. I'm hardly around. I just don't want to be unfair to her. I'm busy with the provincial cour for "Pop Hearthrob." We've gone to Liboan, Cebu and Cagayan de Oro. I'll be hav-

Bahrain and Saipan later this year. If ever I'd have a gulfriend, I hope she sheets with our picture printed on

Are you torpe? an artista now. I'm more confident, I and US tour, I never saw her agam. used to feel intimidated by girls, especially those who come from Manila. Filipina. She's a princess in Bahrain. I've only had two relationships in the She's autistic. She said she had a big province. We're still in touch.

What happened to your budding ro- nannies were Filipmas. mance with Jasanine Trias?

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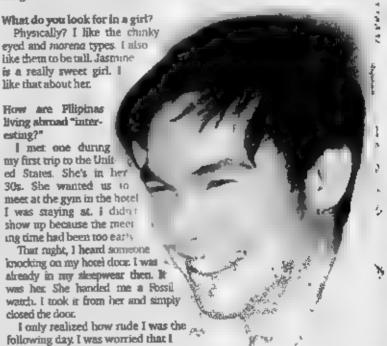
show together. his true that I brought her in a movie and won an award. Is flowers and watched her show here, but there anything else you wish to ac-I didn't court her. If she were living here, complish? things would have been different.

a package from her. She sent me bed will not be from show biz. Ang gulo kazz. them. She also gave me a CD of my songs, which she recorded. She stopped sending me stuff long before I used to be. I guess it helped that I'm the Champions returned for our sec-

There's another girl, but she's not crush on me. People there said the princess recognized me because her

We became close after working in a You've recorded albums, appeared

Ang magitaroon ng girifriend (laughs).



MARK Bautista IIN GUIAO PUNZALAN

already scheduled to leave that day, it was good that Auditions were up for the movie "Debbie group planning to distribute several thoushe showed up at the hosand "Jesus Loves Porn Stars" Bibles. ing shows with Sarah Geronimo in Days after I arrived home, I received

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show will continue to be careful about [its subjects], considering the nature of the program and its time slot."

Stopping short of an outright apology, Andrada merely stated in his letter that the "host shall acknowledge to the public that the show's attention was called by the board."

In a phone interview with Inquirer Entertainment,

Abunda said he had already made a publie apology on. This "Home Boy." was confirmed by Laguerdia, who said the apology was aired in the June 21 apisode

Laguardia related that a similar violation had been committed on the primetime magazine show for men, "It's a Guy Thing" in its May 31 episode.

"Sex was again the topic," Laguardia said.

After the June 20 hearing, Nelson Edson M. Aguiflor creative director of Studio 23 who was writing on behalf of Katigbak, assured the board that each episode would be submitted for review

starting July 5. Agu.flor also promised that the station, along with the show's co-producer Ideal Minds Corporation, would continue to be careful in the choice of topics ... and the manner of presentation; and acknowledge that the show's attention was called

by the board " Laguardia said the offense on the GMA 7 comedy show "Lagot Ka" involved a joke about male genitals delivered by mainstay Raymart Santiago and guest Jay Manako in its May 15 episode.

In a June 21 letter, Redgie Magno, GMA 7 program manager who was writing on behalf of Abacan, stressed that the sitfuture com's episodes "[shall be submitted] for re-p view prior to airing."

Magno also wrote that the "program shall air a public apology for the use of inappropriate language." He concluded that

its "sincere apology" shows that "CMA Network constantly carries out the necessary measures to hesp maintain the high quality of its programs." Laguardia also ac-

knowledged f channel's response and GMA 7's counter-affidavit on two separate issues. GMA 7's docu-

mentary show, "I-Witness," was chided by the board because of the episode "Lukayo: Hindi Ito Bastos," while channel was scottled because of scenes depicting frontal nucl-

"We will decide on "Lukayo" later this. week. We will announce it along with our decision on f channel," Laguardia

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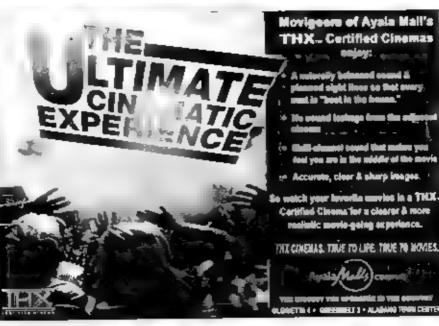
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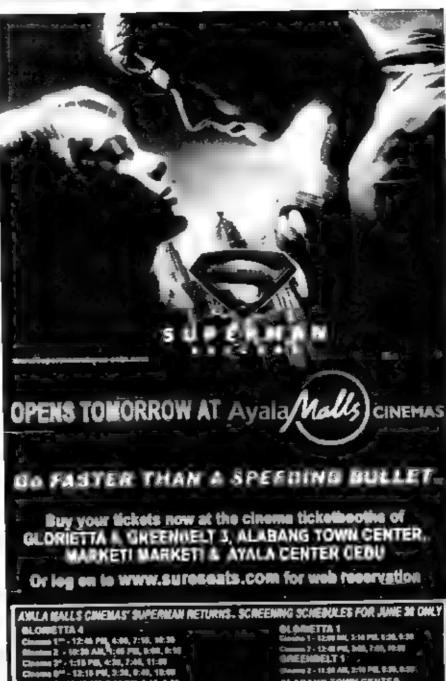
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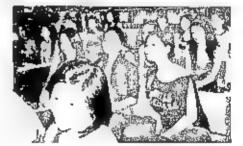
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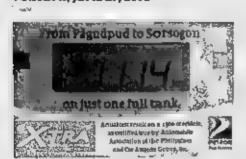
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T-bill rates increase, trail global trend

Appetite for gov't securities stays strong, says BTr

By Michelle V. Remo

TREASURY BILL RATES YESterday rose across all maturities, with the 91-day bill increasing by 150 basis points to fetch 6.5 percent, as the domestic market was swayed by increasing interest rates abroad.

The 182- and 364-day bills jumped 156.1 and 201.8 basis points, respectively, compared with the rates of the previous week. The rate for the six-month bills stood at 7 295 percent, while that for the one-year debt instruments settled at 7 973 percent

National Treasurer Omar Cruz and interest rate levels have already adjusted upward both globally and domestically following the series of policy rate hikes implemented by the US Federal Reserve, and prospects of another rise in the Fed rate, which now stands at 5 percent.

Cruz said the Bureau of the Treasury's auction committee accepted bids for higher interest rates on T-bills because there still was strong appetite for government securities, as indicated by the high volume of bids.

The market should be respected, he added. An increase in US interest rate makes debt instruments assued by risk prone emerging economies like the Philippines less attractive investors therefore tend to seek higher returns to accommodate a higher risk premium.

Cruz said it was all right to borrow at higher costs so long as the interest rares reflect strong market appetite, as indicated by volume of bids.

Tenders for the 91-day bill reached P6.52 billion-more than six times higher than the government's planned borrowing of only Pl billion per T-bill maturity

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The Treasury accepted P1.4 billion worth of bids for the 91-day, another P1 4 billion for the 182-day, and P1 billion for the 364-day bills. Cruz said the BTr decided to issue more

Weakening peso prompts rise in water rates

By Christine A. Gaylican

THE APPRECIATING DOLLAR WILL SOON be taking its toll on customers of Manila Water Co. Inc. when they will be asked to pay an additional 15 centavos per cubic meter starting on July 10.

This means that a household consuming an average of 30 cubic meters per month will have to pay an additional P2.89 per month or 10 centevos per day.

According to MWCI, its average all-in tariff rate will rise from P19.74 to P19.93 per cubic

The rate adjustment has been approved by the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage

System's-Regulatory Office The rate adjustment is contained in MWSS-RO Resolution No. 006-005-CA.

In a public notice, the water subsidiary of the Ayala Group said the tariff increase was due to the recent decline of the peso against

The tariff increase falls under the foreign currency differential adjustment (FCDA) component of MWCI's concession agreement. with the MWSS.

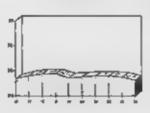
The FCDA allows the water concessionaire to recover losses from the peso's fall against the US do.lar. It has been put in place to pay off MWCI's dollar-denominated loans, including concession fees to MWSS

PCDA is computed quarterly depending on the value of the peso to the US dollar during the period. This is part of an agreement between the private water firm and the government-run MWSS.

According to the water concessionaire, the PCDA for the quarter has been increased by 15 centavos per cubic meter, from 9 centavos

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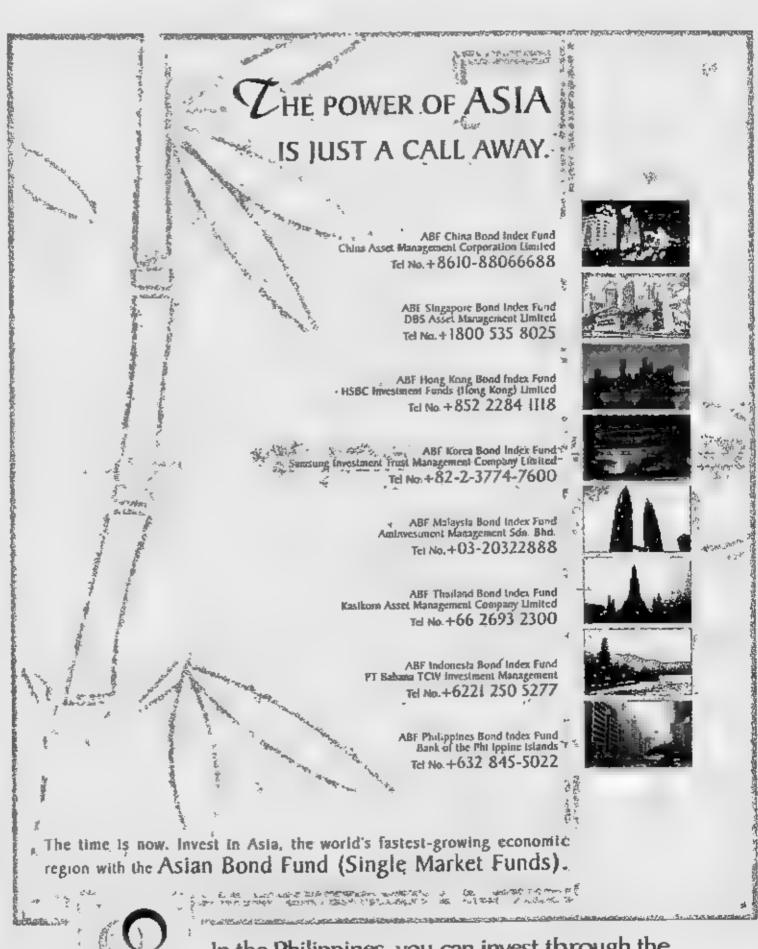
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Fund manager now holds 9.1 million of phone firm's shares

By Decim L. Lucas

TWO UNITS OF FIDELITY MANAGEMENT Trust Co., one of the world's largest fund managers, have been accumulating shares of the Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. (PLDT) in recent weeks, reversing a massive self-off of the phone firm's stocks that started in April.

According to company documents filed with the stock exchange, Fidelity International Ltd. and FMR Corp. now own more than 9.1 million PLDT shares representing 5.01 percent of the company's total outstanding capital stocks.

The report was prompted by Fidelity's acquisition of shares that broke the 5-percent

We welcome the continued interest of Fidelity and the increase of their investment in (the company)," PLDT president Napoleon L. Nazareno said, reacting to the report. "They are one of our largest institutional investors."

In 2005, Fidelity held PLDT shares equivalent to 5.13 percent of the phone company's outstanding stocks, but the fund manager began dumping its shares in mid-April this year after the country's largest telecommunication group warned of a more difficult business environment ahead

US-based Fidelity manages over \$1.2 tril-Jion worth of investments worldwide

From April 17, 2006 coward, the fund sold over 1.8 million PLUT shares, adding pressure on the company's share price which was already realing from an earlier Morgan Stanley report that predicted muted earnings growth for the firm.

The bulk of the self-off was made in Pidelity's holdings of PLDT's American depositary receipts traded on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE)

The aggressive selling eroded Fidelity's holdings in the company to below the 5-per-

By May 2006, however, relative calm had returned to investors after it became clear that the company was taking steps to address the expected plateau in its mobile phone business.

According to data provided by PLDT, Fidelity began accumulating PLDT shares both on the NYSE and on the Philippine Stock Ex-

change starting May 18, 2006 Fidelity bought a total of \$57,910 shares of PLDT from this period until mid-June, resusting in their haidings rising above the five-per-

cent mark once more. The fund manager's renewed interest in the company coincided with the statement of PLDT chair Manuel V Pangilman said the stock was "undervalued."

In its deciaration to the Securities and Exchange Commission, Fidenty said the purpose of its acquisition of PLDT shares was purely "for

the purpose of simple portfolio investment." (We), however, do not intend to acquire shares of the outstanding voting or equity securities of PLDT to take over control of the company," the fund manager assured.

It added that it would continue buying or ' selling PLDT shares depending on market

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In London, Lord of the Rings has been made into a musical. No singing, just Tolloen.

I went to Chicago Hope for my semi-armual check up. It is called that because you have to pay a check up from. During the uttrasound of my kidneys, I had to be prostate for 30 minutes. During the examination, the technician suddenly asked me whether I had bought a memorial plot. "What's wrong?" I cried in alarm. "It's nothing," said the technician. "I am trying to supplement my income."

I took the results to the doctor and after atudying them he asked me if I had life insurance. "Tell me the worst," I said, trembling from head to toe. You are in fine shape," he said reassuringly. "But we now have to pay tax and VAT so I have to supplement my income."

On the way out, the cashier asked me if I took multivitamens. "Yes." I said, "I have to supplement my bealth."

I was disappointed that nobody showed any interest in my poems and limenchs because I have a large assortment, which I think are very amusing. Apparently, Filpinos think otherwise.

Last week, the Incomen reported that the President had a burn stomach. That is strange because usually, these two parts of the body are on opposite sides. To distinguish them, they had to dye her rear

APO is a very interesting company. It owns a hiking society, a mountain and the song rights to Apo ay Filipino.

It was a fairly quiet but interesting week. Asian stocks continued their downtrend as over the past five weeks, speculators withdrew \$15.4 billion from emerging markets, mainly by selling stocks. When the PHISIX opened on Wednesday 30 points down, it had dropped no less than 563 points since my perfect SELL signal seven weeks earlier.

My degree of risk factor was down to two and my gut feeling told me that the market had temporarily discounted everything short of nuclear war. As soon as the market began to recover, I sent a message to all subscribers telling them to BUY blue chips with a low risk factor. At the close, the index was down 10 and for those who understand candiesticks, a perfect bammer had been formed. This is a very bullish indicator when

it appears at the bottom of a steep decline, The next day, the PHISIX rose 40 points and on Friday another 16 points. This was particularly impressive because on Wednesday, Wall Street had a "dead cat bounce." This horrible American expression denotes a very short-term technical rally, in this case, only 1 day. But in spire of the Dow and the Nasdaq slipping lower again, our market defied the overall trend, together with China and Malaysia. However, it was down on Monday, following the Dove, so this might also be a "dead cat bounce."

The day to watch out for is June 30. First of all, it is quarter day when the fund managers prepare their quarterly balance

Mr. Bearbull

Ron Nathan



sheets for submission to their directors. As they want to present the best performance possible, they tend to buy up the stocks, which they hold, so we have a worldwide phenomenon known as window dressing This time around, they might not bother, as there is no way to disguise the huge falls that have taken place in the past 2 months.

Of far greater importance is what FED Chair BERNANKE will say when he raises rates on the 29th June, which is June 30 here, due to the time difference. His remarks and those of his blabbermouth colleagues are largely responsible for the confusion of investors. Some now believe that he will keep on raising rates until he pushes the economy into recession.

I do not believe this will happen because the economy is strong and flexible. Company earnings in the S & P 500 have risen by 12 percent, year on year, in each of the past 11 quarters. At worst, if he pushes interest too high, beyond 5.5 percent, growth will probably slow to 8 percent or 9 percent. This is still acceptable, and while it might not be sufficient to push the Dow to new highs, it is certainly not the stuff of which bear markets are made. I think he will balance the need to control inflation with the health of the economy.

Once he stops raising rates, perhaps af ter August, the dollar is likely to go into a slow, steady decline. The US government is not averse to this because it might help reduce its huge current-account deficit. Opec and other large holders of dollars have started to diversify by buying euros and the next item on the list might be gold.

I am not bearish about commodities, which follow the law of supply and demand. At the moment, in the case of base metals, supply comfortably exceeds demand. That is why, at the Philex meeting last Friday, company chair Waher Brown was upbeat about the company's prospects. He resterated his forecast of hitting P2 billion in profit despite wild fluctuations in the price of copper and gold.

By next week, we will have digested Bernanke's remarks and, hopefully, have a better idea of where the US economy is heading. In the meantime, I expect turnover to be very low.

According to the chair of Pan Asia Securities Lending Association, the PSE plans to allow the introduction of stock lending in the fourth quarter. This would enable speculators to borrow and sell shares, betting that they can repurchase them more cheaply at a later date. The lender would receive a fee for this service and the borrower would have to guarantee to replace the shares. There is a demand for stock borrowing and there is supply available. There will be an increase in liquidity and turnover. In Asia, \$250 bilbon worth of securities are on loan.

The PSE has not confirmed this, but if it were true, it would bring us in line with other stock markers where short selling is allowed. It would increase volatility considerably and you would be able to see me in shorts.

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Bank raised P8B for BIR in '05

METROPOLITAN BANK & TRUST COMPANY of corporate planning Bernardito M. Lapuz (Metrobank), the country's largest bank in resources, raused P8.2 billion in tax collections for the Bureau of Internal Revenue through its online tax payment facility in 2005

The bank announced in a press statement yesterday that the tax payments collected through web-based Taxd-rect more than doubied compared to the yields in 2004 Taxourect allows Metrobank's corporate

clients to file income tax returns as well as pay for other taxes via the Internet using the BIR's Electronic Filing and Payment System More than 2,000 corporate chents are en-

roded in Metrobank's Taxdirect service, with online transactions reaching close to 60,000 Transactions include payment of monthly remittance of income taxes withheid on com-

pensation, monthly and quarterly value-

added tax returns, and annual income tax re-Metrobank senior vice president and head prove tex collections, it needs all the help it can get and Metrobank was one of the first banks to respond to the government's call for support."

He said more corporations were now inclined to make use of online tax payment systerns through agent banks like Metrobank. Lapuz said Taxdirect was efficient, conve-

ment to use and accessible 24 hours a day/7 days a week, ensuring continuous service for Metrobank is one of the proneer banks

ment agencies to facilitate payment col-Other agencies that have tapped Metrobank for this purpose are the Social Security System, Philippine Health Insur ance Corp., Pag IBIG Housing, Bureau of Customs, Metro Manila Development Au-

to forge partnerships with various govern-

thority, and the National Statistics Office. Doris C. Dumigo

T-bill rates increase

three- and six-month bills than programmed to partly cover high market demand

We just provided [investors] requirements," Cruz said in a press briefing after the auctions yesterday. "It is good to service investor needs."

He said issuing more T-bills than what was programmed in yesterday's auction would not bloat the government's borrowings, noting that the BTr canceled several auctions scheduled last May and early June.

Crux attributed the huge volume of bids partly to the P37 billion worth of retall Treasury bonds (RTBs) that will mature by the end of the month, Maturing RTBs are expected to increase liquidity in the market. Some investors may use part of the proceeds from maturing government securines to reinvest in the virtually risk-free debt instruments.

But the Treasurer said the government had no intention of issuing another set of RTBs to accommodate the expected increase in mar ket liquidity. The government's cash position remains healthy and fiscal authorities are not obliged to undertake more borrowings.

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Impeachment adds to market worries

The composite index of the Philipoine Stock Exchange (PSE) dropped close to one percent or 20.77 points to close at 2,092.40. Yesterday's performance snapped a nascent two-day recovery of the market.

Share prices yesterday closed 0.96 percent lower, The broader all-shares index fell 12.32 points to 1,325,31, Losers led gamers 41 to 16, with 41 stocks unchanged.

Only PS26.9 million changed hands for the exwire trading session.

Stock market watchers conceded that the impeachment complaint against Ms Arroyo-the second in as many years-does not

pose an immediate threat to the stock and

other financial markets. Nonetheless, they expressed worries that it could get out of hand

"If the government loses focus on its economic agenda, then that's the time we will really get affected," First Grade Holdings managing director Astro del Castillo said in a phone interview.

So far, he said, the impeachment complaint has already been "discounted"-market jargon for investors having factored in the expectations in the price of their investments.

Also, foreign and toca, investors remain caution as they waited for the decision of US and local monetary authorities whether interest rates would be laked further, which usually sends Daxim L. Lucas, AFP stock prices lower.

BUSINESS

Mandatory SSS membership of OFWs proposed

Forget my nuts

THE HOT TOPIC IN THE CAPITAL markets last week was, of course, the tax evasion scandar involving the insurance companies of Alfon-

Reports said that the Yachengeo Conrado R. insurance group, which has under its Banal III wings such industry giants as life insurance Great Pacific and non-life group Malayan, forgot to remit to the BiR its documentary stamp tax of about P100 million.

That, even for a multi-billionaire taleover bid of Tessie Sy. taipan like Yuchengoo, is definitely a lot of money. More so down here in my barangay! The unpaid tax can build, for instance, at least 200 more classrooms for our children.

But it turned out that, based on the announcement of former Prime Minister Cesar Virata, who is now an executive of the Yuchengro group of companies, the Yuchengoo group aiready settled the tax obligation.

In comparison, nobody in another huge insurance group could officially come out to claim that the group already settled its old (okay-"AN-CIENT") obligation with the BIR, amounting to at least P800 million.

And to think, the BIR armounced the P800-million tex case way back in 1998, or some eight long years ago. From what I gathered from BIR. insiders, the insurance group has yet to pay for the obugation. That is, AS OF YESTERDAY!

The question is whar's Revenue Commissioner Jose Mario Buriag doing about the case? Boss, the interest cost of P800 million alone can come up to at least P50 million a year-easily. And the BIR seems to have buried the case? Tak, tak, tak

What really gets some people in business is, the insurance group also does not pay for the multi-million peso claims for the helicopter of an influential family, or the claims of a shipping tycoon now running on its second decade.

No wonder then, our insurance playboy can afford to live it up, flying by helicopter to a weekend hideaway in a posh subdivision somewhere in Batangas, reportedly accompanied by a lady lawyer.

Not to mention his spending a few days in Hong Kong, also with a woman companion.

Another former Cabinet member, former Trade and Industry Secretary Peter Garrucho, landed in the news recently, when he got a seat in the board of the controversial Equitable PCI Bank as a so-called independent

Garrucho also works as a top executive of the Lopez group You know-business in power generation, power distribu-Water distribution, telecommunications, television network, tollways, etc.

And word has it that the Lopez group owes EPCIB really bigtime. My sources said the bank had exposure in the Lopez group of at least P6 hillion. Whether the bank has anything tied down in the Lopez group's troubled companies like Bayantel and the Mayntiad Water, only the credit commuttee of EPCIB can tell.

Oops-that's the committee manned exclusively by people handpicked by Tessie Sy, daughter of mall operator Henry Sy, founder of the SM group, which in turn is trying to take over EPCIB for a song, at the expense of our pension funds-the SSS and GSIS.

In other countries, EPCIB and Garrucho by now would asready be facing sanctions from their equivalent of our beloved



But here is the cherry on the top of the exciting story on the EPCIB

Last week, the Lopez group announced its claim to ownership of the EPCIB shares of Trans Middle East (TME), which are equivalent to about 8 percent of the company.

But as everybody knows, TME serves as the thorn on the takeover side of Tessie Sy, so much so that she and her highly paid lawyers (including the FIRM) plotted to our the TME representatives to the EPCIB board, a young lawyer named Martio Romuaktez

And so the Lopez group came out in full force last week, making the claim on the cable news channel called ANC which, by the way, is controlled by the Lopez group through ABS-CBN, the country's secand leading network.

Perhaps the claim of the Lopez group did not sound furnry to the family patriarchs. Manolo (in charge of Meralco) and Oscar (incharge of First Holdings). But it did sound mystenous to the ANC news anchors.

A sharp ANC reporter, for instance, even asked the owners of the network, well, how come they are taying down their claim only now-meaning, after 20 years since the family came back from exile in the United States, or as soon as martial rule ended in 1986.

Moreover, the newsman asked whether or not the Lopez family's newfound claim had anything to do with the appointment of Garrucho as-what do they call it again-"independent director" of the bank

Frankly, I had the impression that the reporter meant theroric ques-

We have to remember that the Lopez group used to be major stock holders of EPCIB, when it was still PCIB before its Palace-aided merger with the Go family's Equitable Bank, with the use of our pension money from the SSS and the GSIS.

Together with sarpan John Gokongwei Jr., the Lopez group won in the badding for the PCIB shares that were foreclosed by the DBP dusing the time of Tita Corv.

By the way, the Aquino administration gifted the Lopez family their pre-martial law rule businesses-including ABS-CBN, Meralco and First Holdings—with one stroke of the pen, without questions asked, such as whether or not the family actually already got paid for those businesses or they even bothered to settle loan obligations and such.

Anyway the point is, the Lopez group had all of the past 20 years to claim the EPCIB shares of TME. And the fact they forgot to do it, can really drive you nuts.

Let me see if I get this right-you mean, in all those 20 years, while the Lopez group wasted no time to regain control of businesses after businesses, they nonetheless forger that they owned TME shares in EPCIB too, even if in 10 of those 20 years, the group even controlled the bank as majority owners, and yet they suddenly remember it now, while TME is barding Tessie Sy's takeover scheme that is bad for SSS and GSIS Bangko Sentral or even from members like you and me-is that

Complaint filed vs Globe

By Daxim L. Lucas

ALLIED BANK CORP HAS COMplained that 3G signals from the network of Globe Telecom Inc. have been interfering with its microwave transmission links.

"[Alfied Bank's] tests and actual use of its radio equipment show that interference of Globe's 3G signals with its on radio signals is indeed apparent and prevents the clear transmission of sounds between its radio equipment units," the bank said in a letter to National Telecommunications Commission.

According to NTC, however, Allled Bank's facilities were using a frequency range that has since been allocated to Globe Telecom NTC mediate. In the dispute, for us 3G network.

The regulator said it would assign a new frequency for Allied Bank's microwave transmission to make way for Globe's own use of the disputed frequency range.

The dispute was complicated, however, by a letter from Globe Telecom informing Allied Bank that tests performed by the mobile phone firm had found no such probsens as the bank had complained about.

"We are pleased to inform you that after conducting a careful study on the 12 hops of Albed Bank vis-a-vis Globe Telecom's 3G frequencies, (our) network does not interfere with (your) microwave links," Globe legal counsel Gilbert A. Escoto said in a letter to the bank's management

The bank is now asking that adding that it cannot rely solely on the word of Globe Telecom that its 3G signals don't interfere with the bank's communications facilities.

Pension fund in talks with labor department, POEA

By Dorfs C. Dumiao

THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM HAS asked the government to require overseas Pilipino workers to enlist with the pension fund as members prior to their departure.

in a statement, SSS officer-in-charge Hora cio Templo yesterday said the SSS had asked the Department of Labor and the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration to make SSS membership mandatory for OFWs.

"We want our OFWs to be included in the SSS' mantle of social security protection,"

There are about 8 million Filipinos working in more than 190 countries around the world. However, only 515,762 OFWs are SSS members. About 16,000 are enrolled in the SSS Plexi-fund program, a tax-exempt savings and pension plan, which is on top of the regular social security program offered by the

The total number of OFWs represents 20 percent of the country's productive labor force. At least 4.8 million are migrant workers who have specific contracts and have no proper documentation.

Templo said the SSS was working on forging bilateral social security agreements with

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number of Filipino workers. At present the SSS has this agreement with Austria, United Kingdom and Northern Ireland, Spain, France, Canada and Quebec, Switzerland, Belgium and South Korea

OFW remittances to grow by 10 percent this year despite the slowdown seen last April.

in Metro Mamia, only about 11 percent of OFW families tried to invest in stocks or any private business, while 39 percent keep their savings in banks and other depository insti-

of households based m Metro Manila have at least one OFW in the family. Out of these, 91.3 percent over the last 12

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more countries that employ a substantial 95.5 percent or nearly all of the households

"We are also studying the possibility of establishing more foreign branch offices to augment the 14 existing offices," Templo

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas expects

Based on the BSP's survey of households

About 10 percent

months. The survey

used part of the remittances to buy food and for other domestic needs.



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The Menzi family requests friends and plous readers to remember him in their prayer.



Has joined her husband, Isaias and son, Rodolfo Sr. on June 25, 2006 at the age of 90 and now lies in state at her residence, 828 F. Tirona St., Imus, Cavite.

Her loving daughter, Encarnacion N. Raraho; her grandchildren, great grandchildren, brothers, sisters, relatives and friends request prayers for her eternal happiness.

Interment will be on Wednesday, June 28, at the Imus Cemetery after the Holy Mass at the Imus Cathedral

at 9:00 a.m.



We, the family of the late DR. JOSE G. CRISOSTOMO

of Imus, Cavite

who passed away in the grace of our Lord on June 20, 2006

wish to express our heartfelt gratitude and sincerest appreciation to all those who offered Masses and prayers, sent flowers and increages of sympathy and who in councless ways, condoled with and comforted us in our moments of bereavement.

Our Beloved Daddy

Architect ORLANDO L. QUIMPO

Husband, Father, Lolo and Friend

was called home by the Lord on June 24. 2006 at the age of 72.

He will be missed by his wife Cynthla children Joy & Bong, Candy & Richard Randy & Nina, Mia, André & April, and Armand & Candice grandchildren Misha, Coco, Nicholas, Nicole, Camille, Jack. Mia. Zoe, Matthew Hannie & Olan, and great-grandchildren Frannie, Daniel & Mikelle

His remains he in state at Chapel M, Loyola Memorial Chapels, Guadalope, Makati City

There will be an \$:00 p.m. Memorial Service today,

June 27, 2006. Cremation will follow at Loyola Memorial Chapels Crematorium, Guadalupe, Makati City at 9:00 p.m.

"Come to Me; all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11 28



It seems that you've left too soon Leaving friends & family in gloom Before you left, you told us to take courage. Though it's hard that you left us behind Those empowering words we'll keep in mind We'll try not to grieve, try not to cry Because we know you didn't really die It's not the end, it's not goodbye It's 'til we meet another time

Eya, Airen and Yna -

Our Beloved

Atty. Evelyn C. Balgos-Guballa

January 20, 1965 - June 21, 2006

Peacefully joined our Lord on June 21, 2006 at the age of 41

Her bereaved husband Atty. Arnel S. Gubaila; children Althea, Alren, Alyanna, parents Ernesto & Perla Balgos, relatives & friends request prayers of comfort for the bereaved family

Her body lies in Pelicidad Chapel of Arlington Memorial Chapel, Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Service will be held on Wednesday, June 28, 2006 at 7:00 a.m. interment will follow at Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Pulong Buhangin, Sta. Maria, Bulacas.

> "I will bless you and make your name great, and you shall be a blessing."

ANTONIO ANGELES SANTOS

Peacefully jouned our Creator on June 24, 2006 at the age of 92 years.

His loving wife CORING, children ROD & JESSIL, ROLLY & OWING, RONNIE & TESS, OWIE & ROGER; grandchildren AIKA, JASMIN, RYAN, IDI, AYEE, NINO and BIANCA, relatives and friends join in prayers for his eternal repose in heaven.

His remains he in state at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Church (IHMP), Mayumi corner Mahinhin Sts., beside Claret School, UP Village, Diliman, Q.C.

Interment will be on June 29, 2006 at the Himlayang Pilipino, Tandang-Sora, Q.C., after the 9 a.m. Mass at the IHMP Church.



Peacefully joined His Creator on June 26, 2006 at the age of 67.

He shall be missed by his dearest wife Josefina "Fini", his children Tonichi, Mari, Mon, Maribel; daughter-in-law Rowena and granddaughter Christiana Marie; and relatives who request the pious readers to pray for his eternal rest and everlasting happiness.

His remains lie in state at Chapel 1, Magallanes Church, Makati City.

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July 16, 1940 - June 26, 2006

Has joined his loving and merciful God

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BOOIE, IAN, MARTIN, and JM his sons

MANANG CELY

his parents-in-law, brothers, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, his nephews, nieces and friends request the pious readers to pray for that God will give him his rightful inheritance to a new life of eternal peace.

> His mortal remains lie at the Christ the King Parish Memorial Chapel beginning 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 27, 2006.

Interment will be on Thursday, June 29, 2006 at the Christ the King Pansh Columbian immediately after the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

He requested that instead of flowers a donation be made to "THE MAKE A WISH FOUNDATION SONNY SEGOVIA FUND"

"I am the Resurrection and the Life, He who believes in Me will live even though he dies, and whoever believes in Me will never die. "- John 11:25-26

NIEVES JOVEN – BUNUAN

Passed away in the Grace of our Lord on June 26, 2006

She is survived by her nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives who request the pious reader to pray for her eternal rest and everlasting

Her remains lie in state at the Magallanes Chapels, South Superhighway, Makati City.

of Pitogo, Quezon

Peacefully joined her Creator and her sons, Joel & Renato on June 3, 2006 at 9:49 P.M. in Van Nuys, Ca., at the age of 85.

Her loving husband, Dr. Jorge H. Sustento and children Evelyn, June, Jorge Jr., Rafael, Romeo, Juliet and Charito request the pious readers to pray for eternal rest and everlasting life.

Her remains lie in state at Chapel I, Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina,

Interment will be on Sunday, July 2 at 10:00 a.m. at Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina City.

Children Evelyn, Juliet, June and Raffy flew in from abroad to join the family.



"For God so loved the world, that . He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life."

, John 3:16

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NFA's rice marketing strategy reduces inflation rates

THE NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY EX PECTS the rice inflation rate this month until December to remain below the five percent level and help moderate the country's over-all inflation rate until the year ends.

NFA administrator Gregorio Y Tan, Jr said that in spite of the recent successive oil price increases, the rate of rice inflation posted a downward trend during the last eight months. From a high of 8.3% in October 2005, it went down to 4.1% in May this year

Managing the rice price is expected to moderate the total consumer price index/inflation

Among the factors that help manage rice inflation is NFA's active market presence especially in rice distribution, he add

According to him, the NFA is able to stabi lize the price of rice and keep it at an affordable level by maintaining sufficient inventory for food security, having stocks ready for distribution and ensuring the timely infusion of rice in the market to preempt any rice

Rice has a high share in the consumer and food basket at 9.3 and 18 7% each, respectively. Tan stressed that when the price of nor goes up, it triggers high inflation

Related to this, Tan said the NFA expects to exceed its targeted rice distribution volume for the second quarter as demand for government rice continues to remain high.

He reported that there has been a marked increase in demand for NFA rice in the last five months. This is expected to further increase in the coming months especially during the start of the lean period in July

Tan assured, however, that the NFA has already positioned its inventory to facilitate distribution among the regions and provinces prone to isolation especially during the rainy

On a monthly basis, from January until May, Tan noted that actual NFA rice distribution had reached or even surpassed 100% of the

Among the factors for the high demand for NFA rice is the upward trend in palay ex farm. price. "The price of palay remained high even during the summer harvest, and therefore, the price of commercial rice also remained relatively high," said Tan.

The consumers, according to him, look for quality rice that is within their budget, so they buy NFA rice which is priced at P18 per kilogram for the well-milled variety. This is lower by P3-PS per kg than the regular and wellmilled commercial rice in the market

Unlike commercial rice price which fluctuares depending on the source of supply and the corresponding transport cost, NFA rice is uniformly priced nationwide.

Tan said the NFA is tapping the Bigasan or Gloria sa Palengke (BGP) rice outlets, rolling stores. Tindahan Natin and the agency's accredited and licensed rice retailers as conduits

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BUISINESS

Palawan comes closer to the city, sets up one-stop shop in Makati

By Corrie Salientes-Narisma

THE TRAUMA caused by the infamous kidnapping incident in one of its resorts in 2001 is definitely gone and Palawan has bounced back to ufe.

Tourism and real estate-two of its main industries-are boom-

Now shifting its campaign to win tourists and investors to high gear, Palawan has moved closer to its markets through the establishment of a one-stop business center in the heart of Makan City.

Palawan Gov. Joel T. Reyes said Palawan Center, which is scheduled to open on June 28, was the first of its kind in the country.

The center, he said, would not only showcase everything the island has to offer, but also serve as a venue for Palawan-based enterprises to do business with their partners and clients in Metro Manila.

Full-service center

The 370-square-meter Palawan Center on Arnaiz Avenue in Bgy. San Lorenzo, Makati City houses an exhibit area for Polawan products and services, private offices. conference and meeting rooms, Internet cafe and a restaurant

serving mainly Palaweño dishes.

it offers administrative support-a dedicated receptionist to take calls, messages and mails of the center stakeholders; executive secretary services-dictation, letter preparation, scheduling, filing and communication assistance, accounting and legal services; design and production support and event organization services.

The center will also lease out private offices and pigeon holes, with carrier forwarding services, which will enable Palawan-based businesses to establish their presence in Metro Manila at lesser cost.

Palawan brand

The center was established by Destination & Development Inc., a private company whose majority owner-British expatriate James Simson - was one of those who feil in love with Palawan and, upon the prodding of the governor, had taken the initiative to help Palawan take another step forward.

The center now has 10 exhibitors consisting mainly of mafor enterprises and leading resorts in Palawan.

These include Jewelmer International Corp., one of the country's leading distributors of South

See pearls: Sea Air, and several resorts that include El Nido resorts, Club Paradise, Club Noah, El Rio, Flower island and Dos Palmas.

Each of the exhibitors will have its own display panel and phone hotline. Calls received by the center are directed to the exhibitors' areas enabung their representatives to immediately entertain callers and address inquines.

The challenge, according to Destination & Development vice president Jeanny Espanola., is to unne all Paiawan stakeholders in "selling" the island, thereby firmly establishing the Palawan brand.

The center does not only provide Palawan stakeholders the venue to conduct business and the address, it also aims to bring Palawan to different countries and represent the island in local and international events.

"In international exhibitions, we will have one big Palawan exhibibon area where all of these business operators will be represented instead of having one booth per company," said Espanola.

Espanole said the center was lining up year-long activities to lure prospective markets to go to Palawan renter. For instance, she said, a wine company would be



PALAWAN puts its best products, resort destinations forward at the Palawan Center.

in the center.

Gov't backing

Although the center is a private sector initiate, it enjoys the full support of the provincial government of Palawan.

Reyes said the provincial government had put up an office in the he manned by welltrained representatives who will be

holding its wine testing activities able to provide anyone, particularly prospective investors, all informauon shout Palawan and the ABCs of doing business in the island.

By being there, we are giving the center our full support. We will address all inquiries about local laws and provide prospective stakeholders all possible help they would need. Through this, we will be cutting the red tape that usually turns off would be investors," Reyes said.

It is also the provincial government's task to continuously assure prospective investors and visitors that Palawan is safe, that what happened in 2001 was an isolated case.

"We have been doing this all the time. We never wavered in our efforts to promote Palawan and that enabled us to bounce

STRING BEAMS FOR SALE.

String beans from the vegetable fields of Parioc, Candon City, Boxes Sur go for P20-P30 a bundle at the city market, providing local farmers with a good source of livelihood.

LEGNOO BALINCIA, POLNOITHEIN LUZON BUREAU

WB pushes for gov't action on sanitation

RP losing \$1.3B/yr due to water pollution

By Michelle V. Remo

THE WORLD BANK AND OTHER POReign donors have urged the government to address the serious problem on sanitation, which they said was one of the worst in Asia and had taken its roll on the economy.

Ben Eijebergen, coordinator for the infrastructure sector at the World Bank Manila, said the Philippines suffers \$1.3 billion (about P68 billion) in losses every year due to water pollution.

The amount factored in the cost of treating water-borne illnesses, lost potential income from fishing, and decline in hotel occupancy rate due to water pollution that turned off tourists, Eijebergen said.

In a presentation based on data from study by the Asian Development Bank, Eijebergen said only 4 percent of the population in Metro Manila had access to sewerage in 2000, making Metro Manila third to the last among 18 cities surveyed in Asia.

Manila only outperformed Vientiane (capital city of Laos) and Jakarta (Indonesia), where less than 4 percent of the population have access to sewerage system.

Ohaka (Bangladesh), Colombo (Sri of madequate sewerage and sanitation.

Lapka), and Phnom Penh (Cambodia) were some of the countries that performed better than Metro Manila, with more than 20 percent of their population having access to a sewerage system.

"Outside Metro Manila, access to sewerage network is almost non-existent," Eijenbergen said in a forum on sanitation yesterday in Ortigas, Pasig

The World Bank official said that the Philippines needed about P130 billion in financing, based on the 84 million projected population last year, to build the required infrastructure and adopt the necessary technology to develop water samitation systern in the country.

The World Bank said the poor state of sanitation in the Philippines could be attributed partly to the low priori ty given by the national government and local government units.

He urged the government to prioritize sanitation by providing incentives for LGUs and utilities in sewerage investments.

He added that there was an urgent need to reinforce public awareness on the adverse social and economic impact

The fact that Bangiadesh was better off than the Philippines makes the issue of poor sanitation a very senous problem," said Lisa Kircher Lumbao of the USAID, who was also at the fo-

USAID said it was coordinating with Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC), the Philippines' biggest source of official development assistance, to develop programs on sanitation, including the establishment of a revolving fund for projects related to sanitation improvement.

For its part, the German Technical Cooperation or GTZ said it had already embarked on several programs on sanitation, including the "Water and Sanitation Program.

The program includes technical advisory on water and sanitation improvement, capacity building for local governments, among others

A summit on Phaippine sanitation would be held on July 5 and 6 to increase public awareness on the seriousness of the problem on poor samtation as well as programs that can help address the problem.

The forum is organized by the Departments of Health and Natural Re-

Tap halal market, firms urged

Southeast Asia one of biggest segments in market, DTI says

By Ronnel W. Domingo

THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND Industry has called on companies to consider serving the global halai market due to its bright prospects.

Belencita G. Fernandez, assistant chief of the Bureau of Export Trade Promotions' communications division, said yesterday that local companies would do well to understand the needs of the Muslim market considering that Southeast Asia is one of the biggest seg-

ments in the global halal market. Fernandez said this yesterday at the start of the start of the first Manila International Forum on Hazai Trade and industry held at the Botel Intercontinenta.

The forum gathered experts and business officials from Maiaysia, Singapore, The Netherlands, Japan, and Indonesia where the World Halal Council is based

Halal is an Arabic word that can be generally translated as "permissible" and, in relation to consumables, refer to products that Muslims are allowed to use, eat and drink in the obser-

vance of Islam. But Pernandez explained that aside from the already promising food sector, naial also encompasses businesses in manufacturing products like coametics, perfumes, toiletries and

and herbal and health care products.

In the service industry, business operations must also be certified halal before Mustims can avail themselves of them, as in autine in-flight food service, hotels, restaurants, tourism centers, wellness centers, catering Services, medical tourism, and financial services.

The same goes for supermarkets, warehouses, derivery vans, and logis-

She said that with the world's Mushim population expected to growth by more than half to 3.2 billion by 2010. the global trade of halal products was valued at an estimated range of \$200 billion and \$350 billion a year

Even then, Pernandez said the International Market Bureau of Canada places the potential value of the marker at \$500 billion a year, with most of the trading done in Southeast Asia. and West Asia, more popularly known as the Middle East

As for Southeast Asia, the region represents a demand that would reach \$51 billion within five years as it is home to the country with the biggest Muslim population (indonesia); a halal food hub (Mainysia); and Muslim populations with high purchasing power (Brunei and Singapore).

According to Shahlan Hairalah,

body care; pharmaceutical products, chief of the Halal Cerufication Strategie Unit of the Islamic Religious Council of Singapore, the business of producing hala! products as well as of certifying products as halal was expected to mature due to increasing demand among Muslims for a wide variety of food just like those enjoyed by non-Muslims.

This is aside from the large segment of young Muslims that would drive up consumption of food and beverages.

In Singapore, popular food brands like McDonalds, KFC, Burger King, Pizza Hut, Taco Bell, Delifrance and Nestle undergo halal certification.

The BETP's Fernandez said halal offered further opportunities for its attraction to the cross-over market, or non-Muslim consumers who patronize balal products considering the rigorous quality control that these

Fernandez cautioned those who would top the halal market against false marketing or passing off producis with fake "halal-certified" mark-

"Opportunities for Philippine companies to develop abound in serving existing markets and capturing new ones," she said. "There is great demand for helal-certified products but supply is low worldwide."

Basilan puts on new face

PDI Mindanao Bureau

LAMITAN, BASILAN-DESPITE THE ABsence of top government officials, around 500 businessmen from all over the fiveprovince Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao gathered in this former stronghold of the Moro extremist group Alm Sayyaf for the 5th ARMM Business Congress which opened yesterday.

The event is also an image building effort because until now, Basilan is considered a lair of the Abu Sayyaf. We are holding the congress there to disprove that perception," said Haron Bandila, chair of the ARMM Business Council.

The two-day event, Bandila said, was also aimed at strengthening the partnerships between key makeholders of peace and development in the region.

Tit is designed to promote peace and social progress through the establishment of a sound and stable local economy," said Bandila, who is also undersecretary of the Department of Agriculture and Pisheries in the ARMM.

Until four years ago, Lamitan was considered a base of the Abu Sayyaf, a self-styled islamist group with ties to the al-Qaida.

ARMM Gov. Zaidy Ampatuan and Basilan Gov, Wahab Akbar fasled to show up in yesterday's program due to "emergency

and pressing assues." Samson Gogo, executive director of the regional Bureau of Public Information, said Ampetuen was scheduled to grace the affair

but "because of the latest incident, the explosion in Shariff Aguak (in Maguindanao) the other day and the arrival of two top officials in Magumdanao, he cannot make it."

Basilan Vice Gov. Al Rasheed Sakkalahul said Akbar was in Syria Several local and national investors

were disappointed by the absence of the governors, Bandila said.

In an earlier statement, Ampatuan said the business congress could become a vital link between the regional government and the business sector toward the implementation of programs and policies that are essential to socioeconomic development.

Our major industries, such as rubber, seaweeds and balal will greatly benefit from this event. This would then uplift the lives of the ordinary people," he said

"I hope that when people hear of the place Lamitan, the first thing that would get into their mind will be the conduct of the 5th ARMM Business Congress and other good things Instead of the infamous incident that happened here several years ago," Lamitan Mayor Roderick Furigay said, referring to the Abu Sayyaf siege of the Jose Torres Memorial Hospital

Councilor Joaquin Puri Jr said he hoped the holding of the business conference here would boost the province's image as one of

region's economic hubs We want to show the world that Basilan is no longer the breeding ground of terrorists, it is now transforming into an economuc hub," Furigay said.



PSECE 2006

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The Semiconductor and Electronics Industries in the Philippines, Inc. (SEIPI), the leading and largest organization of foreign and local semiconductor and electronics companies in the country, will hold "PSECE 2006 - the Philippize Semiconductor and Electronics Convention & Exhibition" to be held at the PICC beginning today through thursday (June 27-29, 2006). As a major economic force in the Philippines, the members, partners, and suppliers of SEIPI will gather during this three-day event where industry and technology come together, combining a series of large and formal conference and assemblies with an up-to-date technology exhibit and trade show.

Electronics is acknowledged as the main driver of the Philippine economy as it accounts for 66 percent of the country's total exports last year. With SEIPI's member companies, numbering over 200, responsible for over 90 percent of total electronics exports; this unequivocally makes SE4PI the country's foresnest economic force. This industry has indeed transformed the Philippines into a regional center of excellence in selected electronics industry products and processes, making the country an investment location of choice for those who wish to design, make, and sell their products. All these will be showcased in the country's principal semiconductor and electronics convention and exhibit starting today.

How it All Begas

The semiconductor and electronics industry in the country began in the 70s when multinationais from the West set-up plants in the country Investors turned to the Philippines at a time when global competition dictated an urgent need to lower production costs without sacrificing quality. Soon after, countries from all over Asia followed as several favorable conditions fostered the growth of the electronics sector Locally, maintational firms provided competitive balance in the business creating the impetus to further boost the industry.

The electronics industry started out with the simplest type of chip packaging until it evolved. into what it is today assembling and testing the most sophisticated electronics products and components available in the global market Buoyed by the availability of skilled, costcompetitive, and English-speaking technical workforce, electronics corporations have found the site for the manufacture of such products as the advanced microprocessors, cd-rom drives, digital signal processing units, printed circuit boards, hard disk drives, anti-lock brake system and computers.

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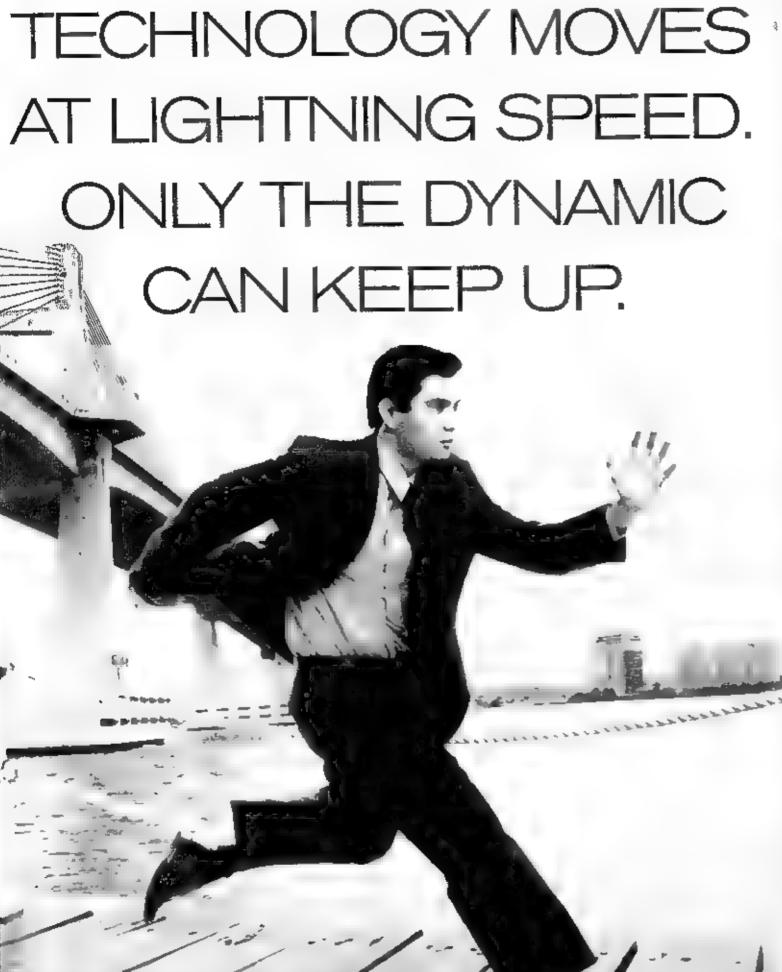
Nearly 30 years later, the electronics industry accounts for more than US\$ 27.3 bulton of the total Philippine exports of merchandisc goods. It directly employs over 400,000 engineers, technical workers and operators, 14 percent of these employees occupy managena, and executive positions while 86 percent are production workers and others. The industry also boasts of employing over 300,000 women who contribute to augmenting family incomes and in aneviating poverty. For every one direct job employed, there are seven indirect jobs generated by the industry.

Ernie Santiago, SE.PI Executive Director stated that, "the impact of the industry on job creation is more evident in the rocal economies where SE PI member companies are located." For example, the relatively high concentration of electronics firms in Laguna Cavite and Batangas have facultated the economic transformation of these economies from agricultural to industrial economies according to Santiago.

SE PI continues to work towards making a competitive environment for electronics business to grow, driving the Philippines towards globaleadership information and communications technology and high technology manufacturing business SE.PI focuses its activities on competency development, values formation, development of allied and support industry public policy advocacy leadership, retaining existing and attracting new electronics companies, improvement of the industry organization, and focused marketing and inproving the image of the country.

The Philippine semiconductor and electronics industry has always been cyclical but in an opward direction. This has not changed today. The industry must continue to do the right things to prepare for its future success. "Knowing that adversity always transcends unique opportunities, it is up to us to make the most of it." Director Santiago concluded.

And PSECE 2006 is definitely towards the right direction strengthening ties between key players of the industry, exchanging ideas about trends, innovations and know-how, and enhancing the competitive environment for electronics business to continue to grow and drive the Philippines towards global leadership in information and communications technology



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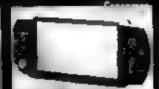
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IPv6 enables technology for next generation solutions

THE INTERNET EXPLOSION HAS BECOME AN the latest innovation in laternet Protocol everyday supernove. The Web has become a household fixture. We live in a world driven by information, the internet boom reverberates with constant upgrades, reacting to the unwritten 18month obsolescence rule. Broadband Internet subscribers have grown from 10 million to 100 million over the last three years, and they want arunatched connectivity like never before.

With the number of Internet users expanding to astronomical amounts on a monthly basis, one questions how the information superhighway can possibly be able to accommodate it all. Despite all the breakthroughs in technology inday, security advancements are lagging, it is more difficult to operate within public and private networks, and connectivity for remote areas is slow and costly. On top of that are the growing trends of peer-topeer computing, personal webpages and mobile Internet. More problems continue to arise as more people continue to go online, because the fact of the matter is that there are only a very limited number of available IP addresses left. How then, are providers of Internet services going to support the increasing amount of subscribers without diminushing the quality of connectivity?

The answer was revealed at PLDT Innotab, during an executive briefing to government officials, technology experts, CTOs and CIOs of various corporations. PLDT, in partnership with Mi trosoft Phils, Cisco Systems Phils, the Advanced Science and Technology Institute and InfoWeapons, held this exclusive event in order to discuss what is now being pegged as the "Next Generation Internet Technology". The phenomenon backed by all this hype is called IPv6,

its predecessor, IPv4, was created when there were about 200 nodes on the entire Internet. Today, there are about 200 million that exist, and a britted amount of IP addresses left to accommodate them. Airhousin several attempts have been made in order to avoid an overflow of subscribers, this cur no longer be contained by IPv4 addresses alone, Lawrence E. Hughes, CTO and founder of InfoWeapons Corp and co-founder of CipherTrust, said. I have been working in the IT business for 33 years, and for 33 years, the Internet has been running on IPv4 addresses. It's about time we've acknowledged and considered the benefits of arcorporating IPv6." What IPv6 aims to do is support the astronomic growth of the Internet without the present workarounds such as the Network Address Translation, It has been engineered in such a way that it will integrate itself amouthly into a network that is presently dominated by IPv4. Both will be able to function simultaneously, serving as platforms for internet subscribers to secure hassle-free cornectivity.

However, IPv6 also offers much more than just a larger amount of available IP addresses. It also offers better routing and euromatic configuration, better security in utilizing data encryption, better audin and video streaming and the ability to send much larger amounts of data at a time. Soon, there will be such a thing as IPTV, and all data sexvices in the future will be able to migrate to IPv6. Because of the copious possibilities that this will bring about, 12v4 will eventually become obsolete. Eric R. Alberto, PLDT SVP and head of corporate business group said, "We are sitting on a ticking time bomb that is ready to explode in the near

functe. With the help of IPv6, we at PLDT and ready to enable our subscribers with the technology to transition gracefully into the next genera-

introducing EPv6 to the Philippines will be of tremendous benefit to the country. It is taking off as a genuinely Asian technology, with main proponent. Japan, at the epicenter of IPv6 development. The very first Asian IPv6 Summit will be held in Manila this coming September For the Philippines, attaining expense in IPv6 is a prospect for more investments to be made in the country. Commissioner Damian Domingo Mapu, in his opening speech, said, "Technology is for imperative of progress. The more technology we use, the more compentive and productive we are as a

Indeed, IPv6 has the revolutionary power to allow the Philippines to become an internationally competitive country. Armed with the full support of the government, it will not only be able to ment giobal recognition, but also aid in the improvements that need to be made within the country it self. Of this, Commissioner Mapa said, "Technology lately has been resurgent in how it can spread the results of its development to the rest of the country. We at CICT are very happy to participate with PLDT's initiative to disseminate information to the parion.

The arrival of IPv6 marks the culmination of combining government, scientific and technological expertise and will yield tremendous results for the Philippines. It is proof that technology truly has the potential to change the lives of every Fil pino and take the country into the next genera-



INDUCTION OF NEW PRSP MEMBERS

The Public Relations Society of the Philippines (PRSP) recently inducted two new members during its General Membership Meeting held at Le Boulevardier InterContinental Manila. Shown inducting the new members (from left) PRSP president Milen Sision de Quiros Full Circle Communica-

tions; inductees vanryll Fernandez, public affairs assistant director of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and Ranullo Habaluyas, media relations manager of Manua Water Company incland membership chair Maria Lourdes Espina, corporate affairs manager of Total Philippines Corporation

THE 2ND NATIONAL CATHOLIC FAMILY BIBLE QUIZ

At the launch of The 2nd National Catholic Family Bible Quiz, secretariat chairperson Elvira Go delivers the Welcome Speech. The event held recently at the Szechuan Restaurant of the Alpha Hutel on Roses Blvd began with a concelebrated mass celebrated by Bishop Arturu M Bastes, DD together and several church laminaries Archbishoe

Ramon G. Arguelles OD Archbishop Diosdado Talamayan, DD Bishop Nestor Carino DD: Bishop Artemio L. Alliera, DD Bishop Sofronio Bancud, DD: Bishop Antonio Cabajog, DO: Bishop Camillo Gregorio, DD; Bishop Joel Bayton, DD; and Bishop Precioso Cantillas DO The Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines Permanant Committee for International Eucharistic Congresses, Episcopal Commission on Biblical Apostolate and Episcopal Commission on Fam-By and Life, and Columbia International Food Products is now joined by the CBCP - Episcopal Commission on Youth and the Philippine Rible Society to make The 2nd National Catholic Family Bible Out?



LIFE PROJECT AT ENCHANTED KINGDOM

The Laukemic Indigent Fund Endowment (Life), created for the benefit of leukersia stricken child patients of the Children's Medical Center located at Banawe Ave., Quezon City, in collaboration with the Juntor Chamber International Philippines-Manila JCI-Manile), a worldwide federation of young leaders and entrepreneurs.

treated children to a day of fun, excitement and thrills at the Enchanted Kingdom. It is headed by Mark Yo and supported by fellow Baby Jaycee Manita members, Jerik Roderick V Jacoba, James S. Ching and Ernest S. Tagle, and under the futelage of JC director Kenrick Sy, with generous support from Enchanted Kingdom.



AUDI SHOWCASES ITS CARS AT MALL OF ASIA

utor of Audi vehicles, recently exhibited its talest models at the Grand Opening of the SM Mail of Asia in the Central Susmess Park along Bay Boulevard, Passy City. During the mall's opening week, the award-win-

PGA Cars, sole Importer and distrib- ming sedans proved to be the crowd drawers. For more information on the award wining Audi vehicles, call PGA Cars at 727-0381 up to 85 or email sales@audi.ph. One may also visit the Audi Center located at 201 Edsa, Mandaluyong City



GO NEGOSYO WEEKLY SHOW ON RPN 9

Aspiring entrepreneurs and small business owners now have their weekly dose of inspiring and informative features via 6o Negosyo, a one-hour program that airs every Monday at 10:30 p.m. on RPN Channel 9. Spawned by the popular Go Negosyo baltiecry currently sweeping the country, the show hopes to spur more Filipines to embrace an entrepreneurial culture and mindset. The Philippine Center for Entraprenaurship (PCE), which was created by eight prominent filiping

entrepreneurs led by Presidential Consultant for Entrepreneurship Jose Concepcion III, co-produce Go Negosyo with RPN-9. Shown during the Go Negosya TV launch are (seated, from left): RPN assistant general manager Edith del Rosarto, RPN president and CEO Mia Conclo, Johy Concepcion, PCE executive director lmes Madarang, (standing, from left) RPN AGM-marketing and sales Sendo de la Cruz, Go Negosyo TV host Connie Sixon, and RFM Corp VP-marketing Ramon Lopes.

Who needs cash when you have a Visa Debit card?

ITS PAYDAY AND THE LINES AT ATM terminals everywhere are endless. What would you do if you just need some cash to buy a couple of icems at the grocery or pay for a well-deserved meal at your favonce

if you have a Visa Debit card then there's no longer any need to wait in line at ATM termi nals. The Visa Debit card allows you to enjoy fast, easy, and convenient cashiess shopping.

The Visa team, business parmers and TV personalities recently came together at Bar One in Holiday issu, Robursons Galleria to launch Visa's newest TVC, fearuring the Visa Debst card. Jim Dixon, Visa Internacional country manager for the Philippines, presented to the media the benefits and convenience of having a Visa Debit card, as well as the concept behind the new TV commer-

"When you use a Visa Debit card, you're accessing your own funds, at your own bent. It allows you to have greater financial control. It also provides greater convenience and security by allowing you to use ir directly at the point of sale," Dixon said. "With the tounch of our newest TVC we hope that more cardholders will become aware of the benefits that Visa Dehit cards

The TVC is a very simple demon-

stration of how a Visa Debit card works. Aside from allowing withdrawak at ATM machines, Visa Debit cards also allow the cardhold er to make purchases at the point of sale. This provides added convemence and security by limiting the need to carry around large amounts

In the TVC, a sweet elderly woman patiently makes her way to the cashier and pulls out her Visa Debit card to pay for her groceries. The transaction goes smoothly. And as she is leaving the supermarket, the two young men are still stuck in the long line at the ADM machine. The TVC ends with the tag line: Visa Debut Card. All it takes to access your own money.

To allow the media to expenence ILLER DOWN CONTINUENT SING COSTY IS IN IN use the Visa Debit Card, an exciting treasure bant was held at the Robinsons Galleria mall. Using their Visa Debit cards, the teams purchased items at different establishments for the benefit of the Sta. Ruta Orphanage

During the event, Visa also launched the Visa Sweet Swipe promotion in partnership with Robinsons and Masterfoods. During the promotion period all Visa cardhold ers can redeem a free pack of M&M's chocolates for a P500 minumusin purchase at any Robinson's Department Store or Supermarket.

COSHETIQUE ASIA DONATES TO MMDA

Cosmetime Asia, the makers of Sillor, Garden Secrets and Juicy Cologne answers the call of Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) Chair Bayani Fernando for donations of deadorants for the Metra Gwape Project that aims to promote good hygiene for public utility drivers Photo

shows Metro Manifa Development Authority (MMOA) Chair Bayani Fornando (right) checking the Silica whitening decdorant and Juley cologne during the recent donation



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turnover for the Metro Gwapo project. Cosmetique Asia chief operating officer Alex Janssen Co together with brand models presented the products to the MMDA Chief

SIA new Milan and Barcelona flights

Cabu and Davao will soon enjoy convenient same day flight connections via Singapore to 2 of the world's most beautiful cities, Milan and Barcelona, Singapors Airlines will start this new thrice-weekly service on July 19. Onboard SuA's B777, one can enjoy is dolce vita via the atrilne's KrisWorld Emertainment System with the widest choice of entertainment options available ondemand white being pampered by SIA's award winning inflight service and World Gourmet Culsine. Introductory airfares on SIA Economy Class to Milan or Barcelona from Manita starts from only USD788 subject to taxes and surcharges. The limited offer is walld for departure from Manile until Sept. 30 only. For more information and bookings log on to singaporeal com, or call your travel agent or SIA Mends 756-8899, Cebu 232-6211, David 224-5608

China Bank drops HomePlus loan rate to only 9% p.a.

sig, buying, or renovating a home even more affordable as it further reduced its HomePlus loan rate and provides clients a choice to go variable with rate guard for terms of up to 10 years.

HomePhis loan rate for one year was reduced from 9.75 percent p.a. to 9 percent p.a. the lowest in the industry.

Not only that, this very low fixed rate of 9 percent p.a. even has a rate guard of 11.25 percent p.a. for the 2nd to 5th year, and 11.50 percent p.a. for the 6th to 10th year

"We're offering these options and low fixed rates to give our clients peace of mind that their amortization will not be adversely affected by rate fluctuations," shares VP for China Bank's consumer banking, Lillbeth R. Cariño. "Low rates plus rate protection mean more sayings and lower amortizations for

The bank also offers other

CHINA BANK MAKES BUILD- low fixed rates for clients who want to have the interest rate fixed longer as protection from future rate increases: 10.50 percent p.a. fixed for 2 years, 11 percent p.s. fixed for 3 years, and 11.25 percent p.s. fixed for 4 or 5 years, and 11.50 percent p.a. fixed for 6 to 10 years.

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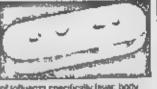
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Trangkaso info from Bioflu, the flu expert

THE SIGNS OF INFLUENZA, COMmonly known as "Ou" or "trangkaso" are fever, muscle pain, headaches and latigue. Along with these symptorns of flu, pasients may also suffer from sore threat, dry cough and runray nose. All ages are prone to flu. The symptoms mentioned can be observed in botts adults and children. Other symptoms may also be observed such as nauses, diarrhee and vorniting. These stomach symptoms are more apparent in children than adults. Most people have a difficulty differentiating common colds from Bu since the symptoms of these two are almost the same. Influenza & specifically caused by the influenza virus. Generally, patients of the suffer more than nationly of the common. coids because their fatique, lever. body aches and ney cough are more pewers, in addition, influence may also result to other health complica-Cors such as hacieral infections. programments, it may even cause the victim to be hospitalized due to the severity of the flu. People with suffer from influenza otten take a cocktall of medicines in order to treat symptoms Hier lever, body pains; and clogged nose. But there are certain medicines. containing triple ingredients such as a decongestant, an anti-pyretic, and anti-histarrane that offer a powerful

combination to relieve the symptoms.



of influenza specifically lever, body pains, clogged nose, sneazing and sore throat. An Anti-pyretic, such as Paracetamot, offers ease from body pairs, hexitache, and lever that may be associated with flu and the common cold as well as the headache that commonly accompanies allergic ministis and sinusitis. A Decongestant, like Phenytpropanolamine HCI, offers relief of clogged nose. An antihislamine, such as Chiorphenamine Mulsete docreases the amount of sneezing, lichy nose and ficity watery eyes. Thus, one need not take a combination of medicines in order to traal. influenza. Here are some precautionary measures to help prevent the spread of respiratory litresses: 1 Cover ones mouth and rose when you sneeze or cough, 2. Atways wash ones hands especially after sneezing or coughing. Using scap or alcohol in cleaning ones hands is better as to ensure clearaness 3. One should avoid close contact with people who are sick, if you are sick, stay at home or avoid contact with others in order not to spread such Einesses.

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Preventing golf injuries

Part I-Basic prevention tips

NICK FALDO ONCE DESCRIBED the golf swing as "the turning of the upper body against the resistance of the lower body back and through." To hit the ball a longer distance, Jack Nicklaus advises, "Keep your back against the target as long as possible.

There is no doubt about it. The golf swing is an explosive, some say unnatural, athletic movement that places quite a bit of stress on the major joints of the body.

It has been said the more golf you play, the more chances you will experience some type of injury. Professional golfers play the most, and golf-related injuries are a way of life on the tournament circuit.

Many injuries can be avoided or minimized by keeping fit, taking basic precautions and practicing correct body alignment.

Simple program

Get fit to play your sport. Do not play your sport to get fit. At the barest minimum, stay strong and flexible with a simple exercise pro-

No time to go to the gym? Follow the example of Gary Player who often did his basic program of calisthenics, stretching and free weights in his hotel room.

No time to workout? Try the time-efficient program used in Dr. Wayne Westcott's pioneering experiment with amateur and professional golfers. The 30-minute twice- or thrice-

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Tina Juan



a-week program consists of 15 strength exercises and six stretches.

According to Westcott, "These 15 exercises address almost all of the muscles involved in the golf swing including those that produce driving power (leg groups), those that transfer power from the legs to the upper body (midsection and lower back groups), those that produce the swinging action (torso groups), those that provide club control (arm groups), those that provide club grip (forearm groups), and those that maintain head stability (neck groups)." For the complete details, go to http://www.healthy.net/scr/column.asp?id=371.

If you have more time, include exercises from yoga for greater flexibility and balance and Pilates or stability ball training for improved core strength and rotation.

Overuse, underuse

In golf, like other sports, some muscles will be overused and others underused. Both conditions can lead to injury. To make matters worse, golfers constantly swing only in one

This just underscores the importance of having a solid exercise program to act as a "foundation" upon which to play your game

with improved performance and decreased

Build up your golf time gradually to avoid the "too much, too soon" syndrome. Don't try to cram in three straight days of practice before a tournament. All those hours spent on the driving range and the golf course have to be balanced with rest periods to give muscles and joints time to recuperate.

Warm up before your game to increase joint mobility, loosen up tight muscles, and improve your score. Don't "waste" the first few holes by using them as your warm-up.

Warming up does not mean doing a few roken static stretches. It means doing dynamic movements that simulate how your muscles and joints are going to be used in the game.

Here is a sample warm-up exercise by golf fitness expert Mike Pederson for PGAProfessional Com: "Arm circles" increase blood flow to shoulders and prepare shoulders for a full range of motion swings that are fluid, easy and effortless on the first tee.

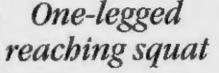
Raise arms out to side. Start with small circles with your hands and gradually increase. Hands should feel light. Keep speed of movement moderate. After 15 seconds, switch directions and repeat. Complete each direction

For the complete list of warm-up instructions and benefits to your game, log on to http://www.pgaprofessional.com/golf tips warmup.html.

Next week: A joint-by-joint look at prevent-

ing golf injuries. Visit www.tinajuanfitness.info

EXERCISE OF THE WEEK



STRENGTHENS THE LEGS, buttocks and core muscles; challenges the balance.

Equipment:

Exercise technique: 1. Stand on one leg.

2. Squat by taking your buttocks backward and arms forward as if reaching into

a low shelf. 3. Straighten up to starting position.

Performance tips: 1. Keep spine neutral-neither arching nor rounding

2. Avoid bringing knees past your toes. 3. Hold yourself in

the upright position of for a split-second before reaching forto challenge ward your balance. 4. Gaze at a

point in the distance to help maintain balance.

Repetitions: Ten to 15 repetitions per leg.



Tips for enhancing your well-being

MUCH HAS BEEN SAID (OFTEN REPEATED) about healthy living. Every day that passes reveals more information, better ways to do things with one end in mind-better health and greater well-being.

Here are a few morsels for you to digest: . 1. Cut back on the toxins.

When your body breaks down, as in sickness, it is sending you a strong message-"toxin over-

Toxins are substances found in the air we breathe, the food we ear, the beverages we

drink. These include processed foods, preservatives, food coloring, flavor enhancers/additives, pesticides, alcohol, tobacco. What harm can toxins do? They attack body

cells, disrupt their function and damage their

And what about nonphysical toxins that can have physical effects? Negative, destructive, counter productive and demeaning thoughts and feelings can inflict as much harm as physical

So, today, cut back on the things that can only weaken your immune system.

2. Take time off from work.

Often, the world continues its frenetic pace of reast ports. but produces the opposite effect on you-slows you down. A contradiction? Yes, but true. It's called wear and tear. And a world-weary mind leads to a worn-out body. If you give yourself breathing space, the self is

able to recover naturally. 3. Make new friends—the healthy-living

Draw up a list of health-friendly foods and

drinks, include the following: vegetables and fruits, and fruits, nuts, legumes, whole grain fibers/carbohydrates, clean/pure water. Or ganic foods (pesticidefree) are also free from growth hormones, synthetic/chemical fertilizers.

The other list should include your own friends who fit this description: happy, positive, supportcaring/giving. Think rwice about friends who may possess the opposite qualtties for they may not uplift you but, instead, bring you down.

4. Raise the bar. By raising your standards, as in optimum health, your mind-set will change. It means the new outlook will influence your lifestyle choices, food and activity regimens, wants and needs, it will determine your shopping/buying habits, inspire your actions, change your attitudes and morivate you in ways that can only have one result-a

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Cory Quirino

stronger, happier you.

5. Be vigilant.

To achieve your goal in life, there must be discipline. If your antenna isn't up, your radar not sharp enough, laziness will set in. And thar's when you resort to cutting corners, taking short cuts and indulging yourself.

This is a true story from a friend.

Determined to be rid of her craving for meat, she enrolled in a five-day detoxification program. After successfully completing the program, she decided to drop beef and pork from

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Flush: Drink two glasses of water upon walting up. Go for a 30-minute brisk walk on an empty stomach. Drink two or more glasses after your walk. Then have one glass of water 30 minuses before meal. Drink four more glasses during the day. That adds up to 11 glasses!

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BY ELIZABETH CHIONGLO

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THAT'S NOT YOUR FOOT -THAT'S YOUR LITTLE PINK SOCK!



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BY STEVEN PABALINAS



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BY JOMIKE TEJIDO

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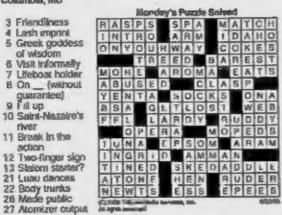
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HOROSCOPE

YOU SORN TODAY: You easily command respect. In fact, you frequently are responsible for others or take on their affairs in some way. In large measure, this is because you have a solid, decisive, no-nonsense quality about you. You're wall-organized, and groups value your input. A major change could take place this year (perhaps as significant as around

Birthdale et: Tobey Mageire, actor; Isabelle Adjani, actress; Madylin Sweeten, actress.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19): You're suit trying to figure out what you want to be when you grow up. The last time you left sure about this was in the early 1990s.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20): Home, land and security are important to you. Contime to shore in these areas of your life. Renov repair or move. Establish a facus for yourself in the world

GENERI (May 21 to June 20): At this time or your life, you're in a state of flox. You could be changing jobs; you could be changing

homes; you could be doing both! CANCER (Jone 21 to July 22): Ever since 2003, it's been a new builgame for you. Buventing yourself. Now you're try ing to liquid out what ready mail

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22): Ever since that year, your world has consider-Essentially, ably. you're in a new sandbox. That's why you're not sare what to week.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22); For a vanoly of reasons, most of you are follog go places and possessions. Letting go as not loss—d as freedom)

Even your losage is changing!

LIBRA (Sout. 23 to Oct. 22): This contin ues to be a good time for you, especially with respect to earning money. Pull out all the stops You'll enjoy buying beautiful CONTRACTOR AND

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): This is a fortunate and powerlus time for you. All your off. A time of buryest shows you where you made good decisions---end not. (Gulp.) SAGITTARRUS (Nov.

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to Jam. 19): Around 1989 and the early '90s, your life took a new direction. In 2003, your focus on external schevements became stronger This year your popularity grows

ACHIARITUS (Jan. 2016 Feb. 10): Parinerships In the past two years Some have bit the dust. Novertheless, you are moving on to bigger and better things. (Battere IIns.)

PISCES (Feb. 18 in March 28): Although this is a time of hard work for you now, as publishing and higher education Work hard-play hard!

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by Dave Green 4

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LIFESTYLE



CRISTINA Dragon Locsin, Smart's shaker and achiever Tom Valderama and his pretty, pretty wife Tricia



COOLING it on a hot night. Anton Barretto of Pineapple and talented Astrud Crisologo



DELICIOUS to look at, delightful to CHEESE Ledesma of Boracay's Icrow, Handsome Pandy Lichacco and gorgeous Faith Amigo



world-class Nami Resort and her man, Joel Ong

ARTIST Norman Crisologo and

Michele Quizon



CONCERT FANS, Andy Cruz and Erika Fife



EYE-CATCHER Angel Jacob grooves at Chicane's concert.



BEAUTIFUL power couple behind the unmatched Team Biglish, Domini and Joanne



TRIXIE Dee, young daughter of Bigfish's Pixie Sheah



THE FABULOUS group: Chicane!

Euphoria at the World Trade Center

FTER HOSTING A MEAN EASTER weekender in Boracay at Slinky 1 Trans-Atlantik and Hed Kandi Beach House, Team Bigfish's lovable porty couple, Domini and Joanne Primero, brought back the much-awaited Chicane In Manille, palanggas, with the all-out support of Addict Mobile and Nokia, natch.

Helping the couple was their dynamic partner, adorable Pixie Cheah, who took over the late DJ TG's task of booking international dance acts.

Après four long years, Chicane was back. Dance music enthusiasts were in euphoria at the World Trade Center waiting for Chicane's set.

Believe moi, palanggas, it was absolutely mind-boggling. It was like a reunion, with familiar old-school faces from Casino Pilipino four years ago and today's hip new breed of clubbers dressed up so stylishly. Everyone just wanted to be there.

I don't think I've ever seen the WTC that packed-8,000 plus concert-goers that the air-conditioning system just couldn't handle the mob!

Kevin Ruiz's wicked opening set did a helluva job warming up the crowd with his trademark New York "deep tribal house," Adding to that the Grade-A, world-class production of the unmatchable Bigfish crispy clear sound system, spectacular decor and lighting from all angles-ir was enough to make everyone go into hysterics over Chicane, dahlings.

Chicane set the stage on fire by opening with its latest single "Turning Corners." It opened our minds (or our ears?) to a unique direction with its latest hit, "Stoned in Love," featuring Tom Jones

on vocals. From the faces of the mob, it seemed

WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH

Maurice Arcach Phoros by Alex Van Hagen using Kodak EasyShare

tons of people were surprised by Chicane's change in style. But, naturally, this is to be expected from every unique

Then it inserted classics dating back to 1997 then its 2000 big hit, "No Ordinary Morning." That got the WTC rocking beyoud intensity nine, as everyone wildly moved to a sole groove, connecting with everyone in the crowd.

The fab show was a hybrid of fullfledged concert and swinging dance event-different, but definitely great,

Naturellement, it would not have been possible without Addict Mobile, Nokia and MYX. Kudos to all the guys, most especially to the undisputed leader in international dance events promotions, Team Bigfish, notch. We had a blasti

Beauty spot

Stylish Manille's hair mecca, Basement Salon, has swung open the doors to its new place for the chic Ortigas market, at the ground floor of a two-story building in the Shangri-La Plaza Mail complex, palanggas.

"From the dragon dances in the morning to the cocktails and hair-trend show in the evening, it definitely was an

exciting day," said Basement Salon's creative director Stefan Wilczynski, who was guided by a feng-shui expert in choosing an opening date for the latest

Wizards from Basement Salon, led by Stefan, mesmerized the chi-chi crowd with the hair trends for this year. Models had looks ranging from long, free-flowing tresses with romantic waves, to glammed-up coifs and avant-garde cuts, fully executed with the help of Davines Styling and Finishing Tools for Wizards, super effective products that are easy for "the professional stylist,

as well as the regular customer" to use. You can have massages, hair-removal treatments, plus more in this fab salon designed by Noel Bernardo. More importantly, you can experience the precision hair cutting Basement Salon has

been known for, palangas. "When it comes to pampering-from your tresses down to your toenailswe'll do it all for you," Stefan W. assured us. "We are combining German skills and vice and creativity. This is going to be the best salon this side of Manila."

For appointments, call 6382222 or 6389999. Anything for the sake of beaury, 'di bala, palanggas?

Fundraising movie

Get set for an evening of love, hope and inspiration for children assisted by the awesome, golden-hearted Make-A-Wish Foundation (MAWF). First Night -s Superman Rerums" is a fundraising movie happening by leading creative solutions and design company Ethos Strategy to mark their first anniversary.

We at Ethos committed ourselves to appreciate and recount our achieve-



rechniques with world-class Filipino ser- MANNIX PENA, executive creative director of Ethos Creative Solutions, returns to Manila after supporting the Make-A-Wish Foundation in Canada for four years.

ments through worthwhile endeavors," says Mannix Peña, Ethos executive creative director. "First Night' is our way of giving back to others and showing our gradtude. We are happy for this chance to share our blessings with the children of Make-A-Wish Foundation."

This must-go-to movie event, palanggas, will happen consorrow, June 28, at Cinema 4 of the Rockwell Power Plant Mall in Makati.

Believing "there is a hero in everyone of us," Ethos encourages clients, friends, invitees and sponsors to "awaken their inner hero." The benefit show aims to

help grant the wishes of 12 deserving children of MAWE.

"Call it serendipity, but we at Make-A-Wish were planning to hold the premiere night of 'Superman Returns' to raise funds, but limited resources stopped us. Then came Mannix inviting us to celebrate their anniversary with them," said MAWF fundraising officer Angelica Marucut.

With offices all over the globe, MAWF dedicates itself to granting wishes for these beautiful children who are terminally ill, palangers. Please give. The kids need it, palanggas.



ROCKY Orejola, Basement Salon senior stylist, and hotshots Sen. Manny Villar and former Sen. Freddie Webb



ARMAND Valencia, Davines finance director, and Audra Lucero, Davines sales and marketing director



HEAD-TURNER Pinky Webb, fab host of **Basement Salon's** grand opening at Shangri-La Plaza Edsa



MAN of the hour Stefan Wilczynski, creative director of Basement Salon; dashing Tom Zita of Shangri-La; Sergio Cavazzana, Davines business development manager for Asia; and Chester Co, Davines operations director



GORGEOUS models Bubbles Paralso and Phoemela Baranda, with Fritz Webb



LONGER hair for good-looking Troy Montaro, with Jason Webb and



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KATRINA Lichauco

LIFESTYLE

Telepathic communication is quite common

letter from reader Jay Ramos relating his remarkable psychic connection with a girl he met recently.

"The first time I went out with this new friend, whom I shall call Samantha, it was a pleasant but largely uneventful meeting. The second time around, though, something strange occurred that really caught me by sur-

"The night before our meeting, I was reading a book when a question suddenly came to mind, for no apparent reason. I found it interesting, so I told myself I would ask Samantha The question the following day when we met. "However, it completely escaped my mind fintil, to my utter surprise, she brought it up during our conversation! And verbatim, too! I was absolutely dumbfounded, but I simply ignored it, thinking it was mere coincidence (although I don't believe in coincidences) and let

Then stranger things occurred during our

ERE'S AN INTERESTING subsequent meetings that just left me scratching my head.

One time, we were having a casual Q&A session where she asked me two things. The first was: If you were to stalk anyone, dead or alive, who would it be?' I thought hard and told her I couldn't think of anyone at the moment. While this was going on, the name of the late Maningning Miclat kept registering in my head for reasons I couldn't quite comprehend.

"And then, lo and behold, she asked: Do you know Maningning Miclat? Again, I was dumbfounded. And she, too, was dumbfounded when I told her I was thinking of Maningning Miclat.

"Her second question went like this: If you were to organize a concert, where would it be held?' I gave her a quick response, but at the back of my head I was thinking of a concert staged on a barge floating on Manila Bay. When I asked her the same question, she replied, 'On a body of water!'

When we exchange text messages, we have this uncanny ability to read each other's minds! We frequently text simultaneously,

with only a split-second difference, and with the same threads of thought. Also, we have this strange ability to second-guess each other's texts. I answer her questions before she even asks, and she also 'reads' ahead what I'm about to send. Do you think she's my soul

Not strange

It is obvious you two have strong telepathic rapport. You can read each other's minds. This is not really as strange or rare as it may seem. A good number of people experience this but consider it mere coincidence.

Telepathy, or the mental ability to read a person's thoughts, is, in fact, the most common of all so-called psychic powers. This is usually strongest among persons who are emotionally or psychologically close to each other, such as spouses, lovers, parent and child, close friends.

However, even entirely unrelated persons, such as in your case, can and do experience strange telepathic rapport with each other due, perhaps, to past-life connection or soul memory. You may have been related closely to each other in previous lives. This does not mean, however, that you are soul mates.

We may not realize it, but human beings are innuitively and subconsciously in constant communication with one another, as well as with all levels of creation. Once in a while, such communication reaches the conscious level and we become aware of it. This usually

happens when we are completely relaxed and in a playful mood, or when we are about to go to sleep, or when we are in deep meditation.

The first scientific study on telepathy, clairvoyance and precognition was made by Dr. J.B. Rhine at Duke University in North Carolina in early '40s until his death in the '60s. His research was then continued by his wife.

The couple proved the existence of natural telepathic powers in humans. It was Dr. Rhine who coined the term Extra Sensory Percep-

ESP is an unfortunate choice because it implies some people have it and others do not. But the fact is everybody has ESP It is a natural faculty or ability of our mind. That's why so many people experience it at one time or another in their life.

Manifestations of ESP (like telepathy, clairvoyance or precognition) are not as rare as most people think. It's just that many do not want to talk of such experiences for fear of being ridiculed or considered naive, if not

In the Basic ESP and Intuition Development Seminar I conduct regularly, I teach parnicipants how to transmit and receive thoughts telepathically, among other things. On the average, about 60-70 percent of them are able to demonstrate successfully such an

When telepathy repeatedly happens spontaneously, as in the case of Samantha and you, it can really be mind-blowing.



Telepathy is the most common of all so-called psychic powers

Wellness through yoga

MANY PEOPLE ARE DISCOVERING he wonderful benefits of yoga.

In fact, even elite athletes are now ising yoga to complement their trainng and lengthen the life of their careers. Stretching the muscles and making them more flexible and resilient are invaluable in preventing njury and reducing post-training

Yoga has also been found to help eliminate toxins in the body by stimuating vital organs and improving circulation in the various systems.

Corey Wills, former Australian competitive surfer/lifeguard now a yoga teacher for Myoga, said though his body was strong, he was continually getting injured. He turned to lyengar yoga (a form of Hatha Yoga) to rehabilitate his overworked body and alleviate his back and knee pain, balancing his strength with flexibility.

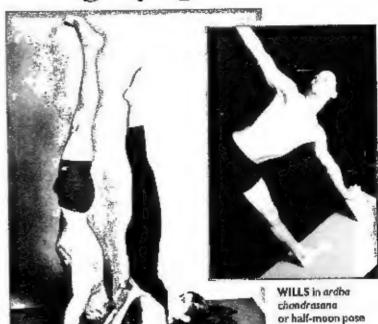
Yoga, he added, also helped release physical, mental and emotional tension from the body.

Raya Mananquil, co-teacher of Myoga, said she encouraged students to treat their sessions like a meditation in movement. As a result, many of them felt more calm and centered

Yoga, the teachers said, resulted in a more tranquil and peaceful outlook, and a strong healthy body.

To do yoga correctly, a person needs the right equipment like "sticky" mats that provide traction. The mat, when folded, becomes a comfortable padding for the head. At the end of your class, the soft cush-

can be offered to princate with low risk presente outcor.



INVERSIONS. Wills in sirsosona or headstand and

Mananquil in survongusuou or shoulderstand ioning of the mat is appropriate for the relaxation pose called savasana.

uses a nubberized material. Other essential props are yoga blocks, for those who need extra sup-

Wirh the modern mats and blocks, today's yoga practitioners their exercises in greater safety and

Toby's Sports, which carries the mars and blocks, is offering free yoga sessions with Wills and Mananquil on Cleaning the mat is easy because it June 30, 5-7 p.m.; and July 1, 4-6 p.m., at Toby's Sports Arena, 3/L Glorierta 2, Ayala Malls Makati.

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DR. MARK DOMALANTA

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narrounding tissues. For metastatic CaP, hormonal therapy with or without radiation therapy improves survival rate of published. And leastly, which the weiting or expectant management The week's assess to our feature question was provided by our makest service provider from Alexo Mantin, Dr. Ja Ben M. Chant. Or. Job os he community addressed by his paments specializes to Drology, He graduated from University of Sto.

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